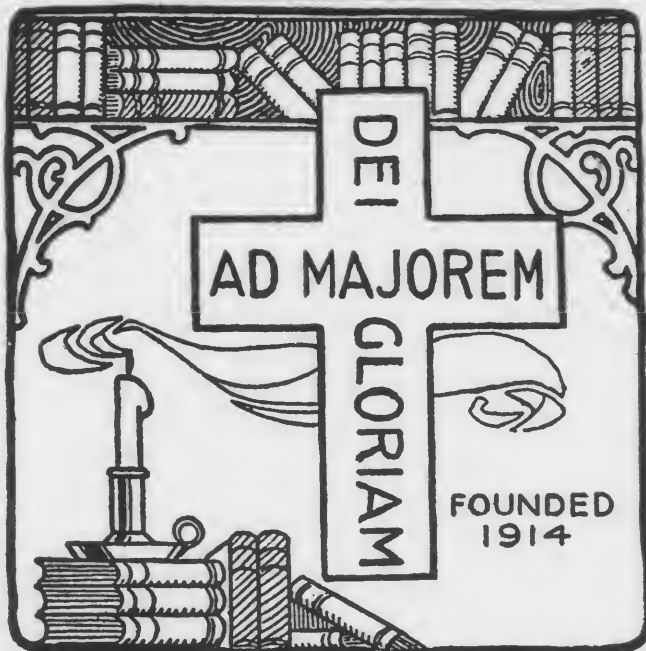


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PART II.

Abstract of Proceedings.

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, convened in Shearn Church Houston, Texas, Dec. 1st, 1898, at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, D. D., presiding. The business of the Conference was dispatched in daily sessions, the final adjournment being reached at 8:30 o'clock p. m., Monday, Dec. 5th, 1898. Seth Ward was elected secretary with D. H. Hotchkiss and C. A. Hooper assistants, and James Kilgore, statistical secretary.

The results of the routine work of the Conference are to be found in succeeding parts of the Annual. The following is an abstract of the other proceedings of the session.

FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1898.

The following brethren were introduced and welcomed as visitors to the Conference. Prof. R. S. Hyer, Regent of Southwestern University, Rev. G. O. Rankin, D. D. editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, Rev. R. W. Thompson. T. J. Milam, and W. A. Mauly of the East Texas Conference, Rev. W. F. Lloyd, D. D., President Polytechnic College, Rev. F. B. Sinex, Financial Agent of Southwestern University, Revs. Sterling Fisher and W. A. Bowen of the West Texas Conference, Rev. A. E. Rector, pastor First German Methodist Church, Houston, and Rev. W. H. Leavell, D. D., pastor First Presbyterian Church, Houston.

W. B. Jones, an alternate delegate from the Houston district was recognized in place of W. D. Fields, who was absent. Under call of the 20 minute question, when the name of A. E. Goodwyn was called, he made his report, his character passed, and at his request, his name was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

The Rev. W. B. West of the C. M. E. Church, agent for Texas College, was introduced and addressed the Conference. A collection was taken for the cause represented by him, amounting to \$36.35,

The committee on Public Worship announced that Dr. W. F. Lloyd of Fort Worth, would preach at 7:30 P. M.

Second Day, December 2nd, 1898.

W. W. Adickes, an alternate from the Huntsville District was recognized in the place of M. D. Cole, who was absent.

D. H. Hotchkiss was elected editor of the Conference Annual for the ensuing quadrennium.

Under call of the 20th minute question, when the name of R. J. Briggs was called, the Bishop stated that during the year Dr. Briggs had been transferred to the Pacific Conference and that his character had been under review in that body.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, representing the Society for Homeless Children was introduced and presented his cause.

Revs. B. H. Greathouse, V. A. Godbey F. A. Downs, and E. R. Williams, President of Alexander Institute, all of the East Texas Conference, Rev. W. Lieser of the German Mission Conference, Rev. J. M. Halsell, D. D., pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Houston, and Rev. E. Ammons, pastor of the Third Baptist Church of Houston, were introduced.

A resolution was introduced signed by Seth Ward, G. A. LeClere, O. T. Hotchkiss, J. C. Mickle, E. S. Smith. W. W. Adickes and others, expressing disapprobation of the methods used in collecting the Publishing House claim against the United States government. The resolution was not adopted, the vote being 34 for, and 52 against.

Rev. E. R. Williams represented the work and claims of Alexander Institute, and Dr. W. F. Lloyd, addressed the Conference concerning Polytechnic College, the institution of which he is president.

A contribution of \$137.10 was secured for defraying the expenses. during this scholastic year, at Georgetown, of Miss Mattie Keith, a daughter of one of our deceased preachers.

The Rev. Edwin McNutt, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Houston. was introduced to the Conference.

Mrs. Purcell of the W. H. M. Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, was introduced, and spoke of the work represented by her.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that at 7:30 p. m., Bishop Galloway would deliver an address in the interest of Christian Education. [At the hour named, Bishop Galloway in a masterly address, presented the great cause to a large audience, pressed the claims of Southwestern University, and secured a subscription of \$1400 to the building fund.—ED.]

Third Day, December 3rd, 1898.

Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Editor, Rev. Waddell, D. D., of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Houston. and Rev. J. C. Mason, pastor of the First Christian Church, Houston, were introduced.

Rev. A. L. Boyd was admitted on trial, and received as an Elder from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, subject to subscription to our ordination vows.

Prof. R. S. Hyer, addressed the Conference concerning the work and prospects of Southwestern University.

Rev. Jas. Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Editor, spoke in the interest of the great work committed to him.

Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., presented the claims of the Advocate.

A memorial session was ordered to be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fourth Day, Sunday, December 4th, 1898.

Memorial Session.

The Conference met Sunday, Dec 4th, 1898, at 3 o'clock, p. m., Rev. E. S. Smith, D. D. in the chair. Religious service was conducted by C. H. Brooks.

Question 19. What preachers have died during the past year? was called, and answered, James M. Wesson.

Rev. H. M. Sears presented the report of the Committee

on Memoirs. Bros. Sears, Nicholson. Tarrant, Blake, O. T. Hotchkiss, Murray and others, spoke of the blameless life and heroic work of our deceased brother. The report was adopted by unanimous vote, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Smith.

Fifth Day, December 5th, 1898.

Morning Session.

Various reports from committees and boards were received and acted upon.

Mrs. Johnson of the Dallas Rescue Home, and Mrs. Jno. E. Green, vice-president of the Texas Conference, W. F. M. Society, were introduced and represented their causes.

A. P. Norman was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Aid Board, in place of J. J. Morgan.

A resolution inviting the next General Conference to meet in Texas, was offered and adopted.

A session to be held, beginning at 7 o'clock p. m., was ordered.

Fifth Day, December 5th, 1898.

Evening Session.

R. T. Woolsey was granted a location at his own request.

Various reports were read and acted on. In connection with the report of the Church Extension Board, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss read the report of the W. H. M. Society of the Texas Conference. Resolutions of thanks were adopted, and the Bishop announced the appointments for 1899.

PART III.

Condensed Minutes 1898.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Robert C. George, Lemuel M. Neel, Benjamin L. Glazener, David Knox Porter, William W. Edgar, A. L. Boyd (an elder from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.)
2. Who remain on trial? Nathan Powell, J. C. Cameron, J. W. Bergin, (L. D.) J. R. Warlick, M. E. Diehl.
3. Who are discontinued? None.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? George R. Ray. Ellie C. Keith, Willis E. Washburn.
5. Who are readmitted? None.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences, J. E. Carpenter and C. R. Lamar elders from the Pacific Conference, and H. M. Whaling, an elder from the Baltimore Conference.
7. Who are the deacons of one year? Charles U. McLarty, Beverly W. Allen, Willie R. Campbell, Edmund A. Potts.
8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? George R. Ray, Ellie C. Keith.
9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Geo. R. Ray, Ellie C. Keith.
10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Robert C. George, William B. Phillips, Benjamin L. Glazener, George C. Cravy, Samuel W. Warner.
11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Robert C. George, William B. Phillips, Benjamin L. Glazener, George C. Cravy, Samuel W. Warner.
12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Clyde B. Garrett, Marion L. Lindsey, Henry R. Kimbler, Ernest P. Newsom, Charles E. Simpson, John C. Stewart, Erastus M.

Myers, James L. Yeats, Ira B. Gordon, Winder C. Bracewell
Edmund A. Potts, Beverly W. Allen.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Clyde B. Garrett, Marion L. Lindsey, Henry R. Kimbler, Ernest P. Newsom, Charles E. Simpson, John C. Stewart, Erastus M. Myers, James L. Yeats, Winder C. Bracewell, Edmund A. Potts, Beverly W. Allen.

14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None,

16. Who are located this year? Robert T. Woolsey, at his own request.

17. Who are supernumerary? None.

18. Who are superannuated? F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, T. W. Blake. J. H. Davidson, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, Gideon Powledge, George C. Stovall, H. V. Philpott and A. E. Goodwyn.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? Jas. M. Wesson.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters were passed.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 104; members, 23,039.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 568.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 536.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 69.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2210.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 179.

27. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 1538.

28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 11,255.

29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? An amount equal to 8 per cent of the assessed salaries of the preachers in charge.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and

how has it been applied? From charges, \$3568.91, distributed to claimants.

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$4475.35; Domestic, \$3374.20.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$1506.50.

33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$102.50.

34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$6608.26; preachers in charge, \$45,049.37.

35. what has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$890.40.

36. what is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 275; Number of Houses of worship, 186.

37. what is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$375,500; Indebtedness, \$1186.45.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral Charges, 92; Number of Parsonages, 75.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$73.510; Indebtedness, \$1518.

40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of Districts, 5; Number of District Parsonages, 1.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1100; Indebtedness, \$———

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of Churches Damaged, 2; Amount of Damage, \$230.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance Carried, \$37.750; Losses Sustained, \$230. Premiums Paid, \$213.80; Collections on Losses, \$150.

44. What are the educational statistics?

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Marlin.

46. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

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Appointments for 1899.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER—O. T. HOTCHKISS 3.*

Houston—Shearn Church, Seth Ward, 3.
 Washington Street, J. W. Horn, 4.
 McKee Street, Jno. E. Green, 1
 Tabernacle, D. H. Hotchkiss, 2.
 McAshan Chapel, J. M. Adams, 1.

Galveston—St. John's, W. D. Bradfield, 3.
 St. James, C. J. Oxley, 2.
 West End, S. F. Chambers, 1.

Richmond—S. W Thomas, 2.	Matagorda, J. J. Callaway, 3.
Alvin, J. W. Bergin, 1.,	El Campo, L. M. Neel, 1.
(L. D.) (II.)	Rosenberg, B. L. Glazener,
Columbia and Brazoria—T. S.	1, (I.) (L. D.)
Williford, 3.	Cedar Bayou, B. J. Guess, 1.
Angleton, H. G. Williams, 2.	Dickinson, J. L. Russell, 1.
Sandy Point, J. R. Warlick,	Bay Shore Miss., Sup. by S.
2, (L. D.) (II.)	W. Warner 1, (L. D.)
Wharton and Hungerford, J.	Dayton Miss., J. C. Stewart, 1.
R. Murray, 2.	

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER—G. A. LECLERE, 1.

Austin—Tenth Street, H. M. Whaling, 1.
 Hotchkiss Memorial, E. L. Shettles, 1
 First Street, E. G. Hocutt, 4.
 South Austin, M. E. Diehl, 2 (II.)

Cypress Mis., Sup. by D. W.	West Point, J. W. Kelly, 1.
Gardner, 2.	LaGrange, G. H. Collins, 2.

Manchaca, W. D. Gaskins, 1.	Eagle Lake and Rock Island,
Manor, F. E. Hammond, 2.	R. E. Nunn, 1. (IV.)
Webberville, W. R. Campbell, 2.	Smithville, T. B. Graves, 2.
	Columbus, J. W. McMahan, 2.
Elgin, C. H. Brooks, 4.	Weimar and Osage, W. F.
McDade, Robt. C. George, 1.	Brinson, 2.
(I.) (L. D.)	Flatonia, Ira M. Bryce, 1.
Bastrop, Nathan Powell, 1.	Merrilltown and Walnut, W.
(II.) (L. E.)	T. McDonald.
Cedar Creek, J. C. Cameron,	Conference Missionary Sec-
2, (II.) (L. D.)	retary, E. S. Smith, 1.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER—E. W. SOLOMON, 2.

Brenham, J. L. Massey, 1.	Maysfield, H. R. Kimbler, 1.
Chappell Hill, H. M. Haynie, 2	Rockdale, F. L. Allen, 3.
Giddings, M. F. Daniel, 2.	Pleasant Hill, Sup, by G. C.
Bellville, A. L. Boyd, 1, (I)	Cravy, 1.
(E.)	Lexington, W. T. Melugin, 2.
Sealy, C. L. Farrington, 3.	Deanville, W. E. Washburn,
Lyons, W. C. Bracewell, 3.	2, (III.)
Caldwell, H. C. Willis, 3.	Ben Arnold, E. A. Potts, 2.
Milano, J. L. Yeats, 1.	Patterson, L. P. Davis, 1.
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Cameron Circuit, T. R. Cain, 2	W. Solomon, 1.
Davilla, J. M. Crutchfield, 2.	

CALVERT DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER—H. M. SEARS, 1.

Calvert, Jas. Kilgore, 4.	Franklin Station, F. O. Fa-
Bremond and Reagan, J. W.	vre, 2.
Harmon, 3.	Franklin Circuit. W. W. Ed-
Marlin, Weems Wootton, 2.	gar, 2, (I.) (L. D.)
Lott, J. W. Cullen, 2.	Mt. Vernon, J. A. McIver, 1.
Rosebud, S. P. Brown, 2.	Petteway, G. R. Ray, 1 (III)
Durango, H. T. Hart, 2.	Jewett, W. H. Brooks, 2.

Kosse Station, D. K. Porter, 1. (I.)	Rogers' Prairie, E. C. Keith, 2, (IV.)
Kosse Circuit, M. L. Lindsey, 1.	Centerville, C. M. Thompson, 2.
Personville, Sup. by M. L. Dickie, 1.	Buffalo and Oakwoods, B. W. Allen, 1.
Fairfield, J. W. Holt, 2.	
Hearne and Wheelock, C. B. Garrett, 1.	

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

PRESIDING ELDER—J. C. Mickle.

Huntsville, E. P. Newsom, 1.	Madisonville, S. H. Morgan, 1
Anderson, G. S. Sandel, 1.	Prairie Plains, J. C. Moore, 1
Navasota, C. A. Hooper, 1,	Zion, J. W. Thompson, 1.
Courtney and Plantersville, C. U. McLarty, 3, (IV.)	Hempstead, G. H. Phair, 1.
Waller, C. E. Simpson, 1.	Bryan, J. B. Cochran, 2.
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Dodge, I. B. Gordon, 2.	Cold Springs, J. P. Skinner, 1
	Montgomery, W. W. Horner 1

TRANSFERRED.—C. R. Lamar and J. E. Carpenter, to the East Texas Conference.

*NOTE.—The Arabic numeral following each name indicates this year to be the first, second, third or fourth year of the present pastorate.

Roman numerals indicate undergraduates, and the class of each one.

Letters in parentheses refer to ministerial orders.

PART IV.

Reports and Resolutions.

Report on Education.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.—We note with pleasure the growth and continued prosperity of our central institution of learning. Our Curators report their renewed confidence in the management and conduct of the affairs of the University. Good health has prevailed both among the faculty and student body during the past year. Harmony and good order have been maintained; attributable, in part, to the absence of the saloon influence; and, best of all, a gracious revival has crowned the labor of our pastor at Georgetown—a revival in which a large per cent of the students of the institution have been brought to Christ. The efforts of the scholarly and consecrated faculty in thus seeking to instruct our sons and daughters in the profound life of the soul, as well as in the principles of learning, meets with our hearty approval. The enrollment during the past year was 393, but the enrollment for the present session is in excess of that of the corresponding time last year by about 60. There are 21 professors and teachers in the Institution, 11 of whom are male and 10 female,

Giddings Hall, we are glad to say, has proven a most valuable aid to the University in the way of providing comfortable homes for students of limited means, at the lowest cost. The Hall has been taxed well nigh to its fullest capacity during the year.

The Curators further report, that the University never did better work than it is now doing under the able and efficient management of the newly elected regent, Professor R. S. Hyer.

In this connection, your Board wishes to say that Professor Hyer during his administration, so far, has profoundly impressed all as pre-eminently qualified for the high and responsible position to which he has been called,

An important addition to the Ladies Annex has been made during the year, at a cost of about \$6,000, which, with other improvements recently made, has doubled the capacity of the buildings, besides perfecting the hygienic conditions in the way of bath rooms, bed rooms, ventilation, etc. The advantages of this branch of the University are of the highest order. We heartily commend it to those who have daughters to be educated.

During the past year, 27 per cent of the students were on the free list. There were 54 young preachers. Some of these were preparing for pastoral work among our German brethren. Several are looking for work in foreign fields. Besides, a goodly number of the sons and daughters of our ministers have enjoyed these free privileges.

The outlook for a better system of correlated training schools, we are glad to say, is more encouraging than ever.

In addition, we are glad to report that the long dream of Texas Methodism—a new building, adequate to our growing needs—is about to be realized. The Trustees of the University have closed a contract for the erection of a magnificent new building. The corner stone was laid September last, and the structure has already been erected to the second story. The liberal collection recently made for the building fund, together with the promised aid of Bishop Galloway in the field within the next few months, give renewed hope that the building will be speedily finished.

This Board heartily approves the plan adopted by Southwestern University for raising funds for the building.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.—This school is enjoying increased prosperity. It is under the efficient management of Professor Landon F. Smith, with a corps of seven (7) teachers. The enrollment for the current year is eighty (80), which is an increase over last, of 16. Of these, 36 are in the college home, while 8 others are boarding in families. The number enrolled in college classes is 58; while, in the primary department, there are 22. It is worthy of note that six of the young ladies are daughters of ministers and are paying half rates for their board

and tuition. We commend this institution to our people as worthy of their support and patronage. The present indebtedness upon this property is reported to be a note of about \$1500 principal and interest.

We recommend that the Bishop appoint Rev. E. W. Solomon as Secretary of Education.

We recommend that the Conference appoint the same Sunday in March as the day on which the sermon on Christian Education (provided for in No. 135 of Discipline) shall be preached, and if suitable the collection for education be taken.

We recommend that the assessment of \$250 for Payne and Lane Institutes be continued.

We recommend that the assessment for Education be \$1684.80, to be distributed pro rata (provided for by No. 412 of New Discipline) as follows: \$184.80 for General Board, \$1500 as heretofore, for Southwestern University and Chappel Hill Female College, divided in the proportion of three-fourths to Southwestern and one-fourth to Chappel Hill Female College.

The collection for Payne and Lane Institute is \$133.65, less \$1.15 for printing minutes, \$132.50.

The Educational Collection, which, according to No. 412, of New Discipline, is to be combined into one fund and apportioned pro rata is \$1048.85, less \$18.85 paid for printing the minutes. \$1030, divided as follows: General Board, \$112.55; Conference, \$917.45, of which three-fourths; \$688.10, is to be paid to the Southwestern University, and one-fourth \$229.35 to Chappel Hill Female College. The Board of Trustees of Chappel Hill Female College is instructed to apply this amount upon the note mentioned above.

Also, we have received from the Sunday School Board, \$14.75, it being 10 per cent of the collections on Children's Day, which is ordered to be remitted to the Secretary of the General Board of Education.

We further recommend that the following resolution be adopted by this Conference:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered Bishop Galloway for his masterly address on Christian Education; and learning that he has consented to make a canvass of our State, during the months of January and February

in the interests of Education, we extend to him an invitation to visit all our charges, and pledge him a warm welcome and our hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. NEWSOM, President.

J. E. CRAWFORD, Secretary.

NEW BOARD ORGANIZATION.

E. P. Newsom President.

H. C. Pritchett Treasurer.

J. E. Crawford Recording Secretary.

Books and Periodicals.

HOUSTON, Texas, December 3, 1898.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We your Committee on Books and Periodicals, respectfully submit the following report:

The financial condition of our Publishing House at Nashville is satisfactory. Our agents report that they have been able to appropriate \$20,000 out of the net profits of the house to the superannuate fund.

As to our publications, The Christian Advocate, Epworth Era, The Methodist Review and Review of Missions, with all our Sunday School literature—they were never better in matter and mechanical make up than at present. We specially recommend that our preachers take the Christian Advocate, Epworth Era and The Methodist Review, and that they aid in circulating them as much as possible.

The Texas Christian Advocate is up to the usual standard, and we commend heartily the action of the Joint Board of Publication in the election of Dr. G. C. Rankin, formerly a member of this Conference, as editor. Let us give him our best work and support in advancing the Advocate.

E. L. SHETTLES, Chairman.

C. B. GARRETT, Secretary.

Epworth League.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Epworth Leagues beg leave to submit the following report:

We have 69 Leagues in this conference with a membership of 2210; decrease, 3 Leagues; 182 members. The Epworth League movement was, although providential in its inception, ushered in on a tidal wave of enthusiasm. It was a new thing; it was also a popular thing. It is not a matter of surprise, therefore, that with the marvelous ingathering of the young people into this organization during the period of conventions, excursions, and picnics, that much chaff should be found among the wheat. The conception which many of the young people at the beginning of the movement, formed respecting the League was, no doubt, that it was designed chiefly to afford a general "good time." As the true mission of the League becomes more apparent, and as the work settles down to a solid and systematic basis, it is not a matter of wonder if many "walk no more with us."

While this report shows a decrease in the membership, which on its surface appears discouraging, yet we must remember that the League is passing through the period of recovery from excessive excitement. We by no means seek to apologize for any lack of diligent effort upon the part of our pastors, nor for the state of spirituality that seems just at this time to characterize the church. We must remember that the League is an integral part of the church.

The first remedy we would offer is, that diligent effort be directed towards building up the spiritual life of the League.

A second remedy we suggest is, that wherever possible junior Leagues be organized. They will serve as a healthful stimulus to the Senior Leagues, besides affording the very best material out of which to organize a Senior League.

A third suggestive is, that our pastors make diligent effort to circulate the Epworth Era among the Leaguers, as every movement must have intelligent direction.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. NEWSOM, Chairman.

W. T. McDONALD, Secretary.

Conference Relations.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—The following named brethren were referred to your committee for the superannuated relation:

F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, T. W. Blake, John H. Davidson, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, Gideon Powledge, G. C. Stovall, H. V. Philpott and A. E. Goodwyn.

We recommend that each of these brethren be granted this relation.

S. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

J. M. ADAMS, Secretary.

Bible Cause.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—The American Bible Society, instituted in 1816, is certainly not to be regarded by us, at this present date, as an experiment. What it has accomplished in the eighty-two years past, can be seen by referring to the encouraging reports from this great field.

From all that we can gather from the pastors of our conference, it appears that only \$70.10 have been paid to this worthy cause. Some of the pastors, however, state that they have sent their moneys to the Society; but we would be pleased to know through what channel the money went, inasmuch as we now have no general agent; and we would respectfully recommend that each pastor keep a record of all amounts paid, in what way soever, and report same to this body at its annual sittings, so that our minutes may show the interest we manifest in this work, by the amounts reported therein. And the reason for especially urging this matter of reporting to the Conference all moneys paid is, that out of more than ninety pastoral charges, only twenty-six make their reports to us; and therefore we, as a conference, get no credit for our work, on the pages of our annual minutes,

Comparing our present report with that of last year, we

find that we have to report fifty dollars less on this than last year's collection, and were we as pastors, to only collect from our charges one cent per capita, we would see more than \$230 raised, and if we were to comply with the request of the late general agent, i. e., collect an amount equal to one per cent of our salaries, more than \$455 would find its way into the treasury of this grand institution, and the "word of life" would soon be found making its way into the hands of all peoples, and the earnest desires of its agents would be realized. viz: "A Bible for every Sunday school scholar."

"This precious Book I'd rather own,
Than all the golden gems
That e'er in monarch's coffers shone,
Or on their diadems;
And were the seas one chrysolite,
This earth a golden ball,
And gems were all the stars of night,
This Book were worth them all."

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. FAVRE, Chairman.

J. L. YEATS, Secretary.

Orphans' Home.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg to submit the following:

The condition of the Home as reported by the Manager and Board of Directors is gratifying indeed.

The good hand of God has been over the Home in physical and spiritual affairs. There is now within the Home 88 children, all of whom are being well cared for, there having been no serious sickness. All who are of the age of ten years are members of Sunday school and church and living exemplary lives. There are also 31 children that have been placed in

Christian homes. The material condition of the Home indicates prosperity.

The children are well fed and clothed and comfortably housed.

The estimated value of the Home is \$20,000, and entirely free from debt. It is also well supplied with horses, cows, hogs and poultry.

There are \$5,000 in hand for the new building, and the Board of Directors have authorized the Manager to begin the work as soon as he thinks best. Our assessment of \$600 will be paid in full.

We endorse the action of the Board of Directors in re-electing Rev. W. H. Vaughan as business manager, and in placing our assessment for the ensuing year at \$700.

The work of the Home could be much aided if the pastors would be prompt in taking their collections for this purpose immediately on reaching their work.

Now therefore, we recommend and especially urge that each pastor take this collection, if possible on or before Christmas day and that it be in the hands of the manager by the first day of January, 1899.

Respectfully yours,

G. S. SANDEL, President.

E. A. POTTS, Secretary.

Preachers' Aid Board.

To the President and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Brethren:—We, your Preachers' Aid Board, report for your information as follows:

At the annual meeting of the Board held in Houston, Texas, December 3d, 1898, there was a quorum present.

The interest bearing assets amount to \$3954.30. Our payment to the Joint Board of Finance at this session is \$212.10.

We recommend the election of A. P. Norman to fill the place of J. J. Morgan on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. GOODWYN, President.

TOM MURRAH, Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—Your Board of Church Extension would respectfully submit the following report:

This Conference was assessed for the cause of Church Extension. \$2200 00
Received from the various charges 1506 50

This sum we have disbursed as follows:

To Parent Board	753 25
To Arcolo, Fort Bend Co., Houston District	100 00
To South Austin, Travis Co., Austin District	100 00
To Rock Island, Colorado Co., Austin District	150 00
To Rockdale, Milam Co., Brenham District.	250 00
Printing Minutes.	30 00
Incidentals	1 50

Total. \$1384 75

Cash on hand.	121 75
Amount not used and returned from Young, Free- stone Co., Calvert District	75 00

Total \$196 75

The following are the assessments on the several districts for the ensuing year:

Houston District	\$ 590 00
Austin District	475 00
Brenham District	408 00
Calvert District.	380 00
Huntsville District	347 00

Total. \$2200 00

We earnestly request the pastors of all churches receiving aid from the Parent Board to report the fact promptly to the Secretary of the Conference Board.

We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That all donations granted by this Board and not

used for the purpose granted before the next ensuing annual conference, shall be returned to the Treasurer of said Board.

W. W. HORNER, President.

H. C. WILLIS, Secretary.

Treasurer Board of Church Extension.

Houston District assessed	\$618 00	paid	\$619 75
Austin " "	475 00	"	229 75
Brenham " "	380 00	"	232 75
Calvert " "	380 00	"	231 50
Huntsville " "	347 00	"	188 75
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Total assessed	\$2200 00	Paid	\$1502 50
To cash on hand			4 00
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Total			\$1506 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Parent Board.	\$753 25
To Rock Island, Austin District	150 00
To South Austin, Austin District.	100 00
To Rockdale, Brenham District.	250 00
To Arcola, Houston District	100 00
To Printing Minutes.	30 00
Incidentals	1 50
Cash on hand	121 75
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Total	\$1506 50
Recapitulation cash on hand Conference Board	\$ 121 75
By Donation Returned from Young, pr G. R. Ray	75 00
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Total cash on hand	\$196 75

GEO. H. PHAIR, Treasurer.

Houston, December 3d, 1898.

District Conference Records.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—The committee appointed to examine the District Conference Records beg leave to report as follows:

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

This Record shows some errors. In some instances words are left out, leaving the reader to guess at the sense. In other places words are sometimes interlined. There are also some blots. These things mar somewhat a Record that is otherwise neat in appearance.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

This Record is fairly well kept. Nevertheless the committee think the construction of some sentences might be improved.

BRENHAM DISTRICT

The Record of this District was not before the committee.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

In this Record the penmanship is bad. Punctuation marks are rarely used. A good many words are misspelled. There are some blots and erasures. Capitals are sometimes used where small letters ought to be, and small letters where there ought to be capitals. The record of the proceedings of the Conference is not signed by the secretary; and this record is so closely united with the supplemental reports that it is difficult to tell where one ends and the other begins. We find also the name of a member of this Annual Conference down in the roll of the District Conference as a local preacher.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

We have no adverse criticism to make upon this book. Throughout the record shows painstaking care. In every respect so far as we can see it deserves only commendation.

Respectfully,

T. R. CAIN. Chairman.

T. S. WILLIFORD, Secretary.

Temperance and Sunday Observance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

The Methodist Church is distinctively a temperance organization. She positively forbids the "drinking spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity." She emphatically declares "drunkenness" to be "a crime, expressly forbidden in the word of God." Her membership is forbidden "to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for such sale, from becoming a bondsman for any person as a condition for obtaining a license, and from renting property to be used for such sale." If organization will eradicate this great evil, our members need not go outside her pale. Over six million members subscribe and adhere to her declared attitude toward the liquor traffic. She directs that the members who violate their most solemn vows, be dealt with as in cases of immorality. Her literature is impregnated with the temperance idea. Regular and stated days are observed by our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, and the lesson text is directed against this great evil. And yet she is not one-sided. She seeks to develop the whole man. She says to her communicants: "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." To all organizations that seek to rid our country of this evil, we bid a Godspeed, but we must impress upon our membership, the fact that our church is thoroughly organized and equipped to fight this enemy of mankind.

The Church forbids "the profaning the day of the Lord," either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling. Here we are quite likely to "despise the day of small things." It is just as great a sin to buy ice, meat, vegetables, papers and cigars on Sunday as it would be to buy a horse. Riding on Sunday trains is clearly a violation of this rule. The Sunday excursion trains are an institution of the devil, whereby he seeks, by reduced rates, to insinuate himself into the character of individuals, and strike a death blow to this day of the Lord. We deplore the fact that many of our women are kept at home on Sundays away from the public

worship of God, on account of being employed in preparing meals for their Sunday guests. Consequently Sabbath visiting should be discouraged. Let us as teachers of men "come out from among them and be separated," and thus teach both by precept and example, that we are to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. McMAHAN, Chairman.

CHAS. U. McLARTY, Secretary.

Sunday School Board.

Dear Brethren:—In our judgment the Sunday School cause is one of the foundation stones of our glorious church. Who can fully measure the value of early childhood training for God?

We believe that one of the greatest needs of our church to-day is a great revival upon the subject of Sunday School work.

Think of the many thousands of children and older persons in the world and in the church, who receive from the Sunday School the bread of life.

In the selection of officers and teachers, let every pastor and superintendent meet in prayerful council. No Sunday School can be run to the glory of God by a set of ungodly teachers.

We regard our Sunday School literature as first class, and unsurpassed by any and we urge our pastors and superintendents to see that all our schools are well supplied with our own literature.

In this connection your Sunday School Board desire to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Atkins for his wise and helpful council before our Board, and for his most splendid address before the Conference.

Every pastor in the bounds of our Conference should pay strict attention to the observance of Childrens' Day, and try to make it a day of great profit to the church.

It is the purpose of your Board to hold a Conference Sun-

day School Convention during the coming year, and ask the hearty co-operation of all our preachers and Sunday School workers.

The Board decided to retain the funds remaining in the treasury as a contingent fund to be used in buying literature to assist in procuring libraries for needy schools, who may apply between now and the next Childrens' Day anniversary; the Board to furnish for library an amount equal to an amount raised by such school, for library purposes.

Attention is called to the fact that the Sunday School Board will furnish free of charge, to each Sunday School which will apply to our Secretary, C. A. Hooper, programs for Childrens' Day.

The new Sunday School Board has organized by electing the following officers:

President.....	H. M. Sears.
Secretary.....	C. A. Hooper.
Treasurer.....	D. N. Harris.
(Signed.)	A. J. BROWN,
	for the Sunday School Board.

Report of Treasurer of Sunday School Board.

May 17, 1898.	To balance on hand last report. . . .	\$128 53
" 17, "	Collected from Huntsville.	10 00
" 17, "	" Plantersville.	3 10
" 20, "	" Lyons Circuit.	2 00
" 24, "	" Eagle Lake	3 60
" 26, "	" Sealy Circuit	4 60
" 26, "	" Buffalo and Oakwoods	6 20
" 30, "	" Bremond.. . . .	9 25
June 2, "	" Smithville.	2 50
" 10, "	" Shearn Church . . .	15 75
" 14, "	" Bay City	2 50
" 16, "	" Angleton	3 42
" 22, "	" Hearne...	3 50
" 25, "	" Cameron Circuit. . .	

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

July 14, 1898	Collected from	McShan, Houston . .	2 00
" 21, "	"	Orchard, Ros'bg Mis.	2 00
" 21, "	"	South Austin	1 00
Nov. 15, "	"	Cedar Bayou	3 20
Dec. 2, "	"	Giddings	1 80
" " "	"	Dickinson	2 00
" " "	"	McDade	2 10
" " "	"	Rose Bud	10 55
" " "	"	Pattison	5 00
" " "	"	St. John's, Galveston	5 10
" " "	"	Tabernacle, Houston	5 45
" " "	"	Calvert	8 00
" " "	"	Wharton	2 45
" 3 "	"	Madisonville	5 00
" " "	"	Anderson Circuit. . .	3 00
" " "	"	Franklin	1 00
" " "	"	Pleasant Hill	2 05
" " "	"	Merrilltown & Walnut	3 00
" " "	"	Lexington.	3 25
" " "	"	St. James, Galveston	3 90
" " "	"	Weimar.	2 00
" 5 "	"	Chilton and Lott . . .	4 00
Total			\$276 15

CREDIT.

Jan. 1, 1898.	By amt. pd.	Trinity Church, Austin . .	15 00
May 17 "	"	Lone Oak School	6 00
" " "	"	Mt. Pleasant School. . . .	6 00
" 30 "	"	Boggy Sunday School. . .	2 50
June 7, "	"	Lisse (Eagle Lake Cir.). . .	3 00
June 28, "	"	Austin Sunday School. . .	15 00
Dec. 3, "	"	Lt Morgan	2 15
" " "	"	Hill's Prairie	8 00
" " "	"	Rock Island	12 75
" " "	"	Publishing Minutes	20 00

Dec 3 1898	By amt. paid Parent Board Education . .	14 76
" " "	" " " Sunday School	14 76
" " "	By Balance on hand	156 23
Total		<u>\$276 15</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand Last Report	\$128 53
Collected since Last Report	147 62
Paid out during the year	119 92
Balance in hand of Treasurer	<u>156 23</u>
Total	<u>\$276 15 \$276 15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Houston, Texas, Dec, 5, 1898.

Committee on Financial Plan.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

We your committee appointed at the last annual conference to devise a plan for handling the funds of the conference, report that we have carefully considered the matter, and finding that the procedure now in operation seems to work successfully, do not think it necessary to advise any change.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ADICKES,
D. H. HOTCHKISS,
J. D. CAMPBELL.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Dec. 5th, 1889.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The amount of money coming into our hands for Conference claimants is as follows:

Balance on hand at last Conference	\$ 23 65
Received from Houston District	1169 60

Received from Austin District	\$ 748 20
Received from Brenham District.	599 26
Received from Calvert District	560 25
Received from Huntsville District.	491 60
Received from Preachers's Aid Board	212 60
Received from Publishing House	350 00
Total	<u>\$4155 16</u>

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid claimants.	\$4090 00
Paid Bro. Wesley Smith, special appropriation.	23 65
Contingent Fund in hands of Treasurer	41 51
Total.	<u>\$4155 16</u>

We have paid the Conference claimants the following amounts:

Miss Sallie L. Keith	\$ 40 00
Robert Durham	50 00
Miss Mattie Keith	50 00
Mrs. Amanda Graves	50 00
Mrs. J. W. B. Allen.	50 00
Mrs. Hannah Green.	150 00
Mrs. Thomas Whitworth	100 00
Mrs. S. G. Wooldridge	100 00
Mrs. Rebecca Keith.	100 00
Mrs. V. A. Windsor.	150 00
Mrs. L. J. Hinkle.	200 00
Mrs. C. F. Stacy	75 00
Mrs. R. Alexander	100 00
Mrs. Sue C. Kerr	175 00
Mrs. R. J. Fisher	125 00
Mrs. M. J. Burris (funeral expenses)	50 00
Mrs. Alice Stovall	125 00
Mrs. Julia Dashiell	100 00
Mrs. Fatima Lemons	150 00
Mrs. S. E. Gober	125 00
Mrs. Sarah Whipple	125 00
Mrs. I. G. John	50 00

Rev. F. A. McShan	\$ 300 00
Rev. H. V. Philpot	300 00
Rev. W. G. Nelms	300 00
Rev. W. K. Turner	250 00
Rev. Wesley Smith	200 00
Rev. J. H. Davidson	150 00
Rev. Gideon Powledge	125 00
Rev. G. C. Stovall	150 00
Rev. D. H. Linebaugh	75 00
Total	\$4090 00

The amount assessed against the Conference for Bishops' Fund was \$1110.40, and was apportioned as follows:

	ASSESSED	PAID	DEFICIT
Houston District	\$278 00	\$278 00	
Austin District	258 00	151 55	\$106 45
Brenham District	233 00	179 75	53 25
Calvert District	185 00	150 85	34 15
Huntsville District	157 40	130 25	27 15
Totals	\$1110 40	\$890 40	\$220 00

Bishops' Fund Disbursed as follows:

Paid Barbee & Smith, by W. W. Adickes, Treasurer, \$890.40.

The balance due at last Conference for expenses of delegates to the General Conference, was \$146.35. This amount was apportioned equally among the Districts, assessing each, \$29.30. The collections are as follows:

Houston District	\$32 05
Austin District	16 50
Brenham District	25 00
Calvert District	3 50
Huntsville District	17 20
Total	\$94 25

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Remitted Barbee & Smith, by W. W. Adickes, Treasurer, \$94.25.

The assessment for Bishops' Fund for the ensuing year is \$1044.00.

The assessment for the Texas Methodist Orphanage is \$700.00.

We apportion these assessments to the Districts as follows:

	BISHOPS' FUND	ORPHANAGE
Houston District	\$254 00	\$165 00
Austin District	248 00	155 00
Brenham District	232 00	150 00
Calvert District	172 00	120 00
Huntsville District	140 00	110 00
Totals	\$1044 00	\$700 00

The Assessments for Education, and Paine and Lane Institutes we apportion to the Districts as follows:

	EDUCATION	PAINE and LANE
Houston District	\$410 00	\$58 00
Austin District	395 00	55 00
Brenham District	390 00	47 00
Calvert District	255 00	45 00
Huntsville District	234 80	45 00
Totals.	\$1684 80	\$250 00

We assess the various Boards, for the publication of the Minutes as follows:

Board of Education	\$20 00
Sunday School Board	20 00
Board of Church Extension	30 00
Board of Missions	40 00
Total	\$110 00

We recommend that the assessment for Conference Claimants be an amount equal to 8 per cent. on the assessed salaries of the preachers, and in connection with this report, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved. That the preachers of the Texas Annual Conference, be held responsible for an amount equal to 8 per cent. of the salaries paid them, which sums shall be applied to the fund for Conference claimants.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the bank of T. W. House, for their courtesy and liberality in handling the funds of this board and providing drafts and exchange free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman,
W. W. ADICKES, Treasurer,
CHAS. A. HOOPER, Secretary.

Report of Board of Missions.

The Missionary interest in our Conference has prospered reasonably well this year. Our collections are a little in advance of last year, and our domestic fields have been blessed with a good degree of prosperity.

We have taken one mission field off the list of domestic missions—Millican.

We have added four new ones—two in the Houston District and two in the Huntsville.

The Board has assessed for domestic missions for the ensuing year \$4,750, including \$500 assessed by the Joint Commission for the German work. The General Board assessed our Conference \$5,200 for Foreign Missions. The Board was asked to appropriate \$3,450 to our several domestic fields, which was a larger sum than the Board could safely appropriate. So the total of appropriations was fixed at \$3150.

The following list of appropriations was adopted:

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

Tabernacle, Houston	\$150 00
McAshan, Houston	100 00
West End, Galveston	200 00
Dickinson	100 00
Rosenberg	80 00
El Campo	120 00
Sandy Point	80 00
Dayton	100 00
Bay Shore	70 00
Total	\$1,000 00

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

First Street, Austin	\$200 00
South Austin	300 00
Cypress	100 00
Total	\$600 00

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

Ben Arnold	\$175 00
Deanville	150 00
Total	<u>\$325 00</u>

CALVERT DISTRICT.

Jewett	200 00
Franklin Mission	100 00
Personville Mission	100 00
Chilton and Lott	100 00
Total	<u>\$500 00</u>

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Hempstead	200 00
Montgomery	200 00
Dodge	100 00
Prairie Plains	125 00
Zion	50 00
Waller	50 00
Total	<u>\$725 00</u>

Grand Total \$3,150 00

Assessment for Foreign Missions is \$5,200, and Assessments for Domestic Missions is \$4,750, which are distributed among the Districts as follows:

	FOREIGN.	DOMESTIC.
Houston District	\$1240 00	\$1140 00
Austin District	1170 00	1070 00
Calvert District	925 00	850 00
Brenham District	1000 00	910 00
Huntsville District	865 00	780 00
Total	<u>\$5,200 00</u>	<u>\$4,750 00</u>

The \$500 assessed by the Joint Commission for the German work is included in the Domestic Mission assessment

and shares the same per cent of receipts as the Domestic Mission funds.

The Board passed the following Preamble and Resolutions :

WHEREAS, the demands upon our General Board from our old Mission fields, (China, Japan, Brazil and Mexico) are increasing, and

WHEREAS, There is urgent need for our Church to enter Cuba and Porto Rico as permanent Mission fields, and

WHEREAS, The increase in collections in our Conference is slight; therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we earnestly request each Presiding Elder to comply with the requirements of the 17th Article of our Missionary Constitution, which requires the holding of a missionary institute in each Presiding Elder's district.

2nd. That we request the Pastors to comply with the requirements made of pastors in the 18th Article.

3rd. That it is the sense of this Board that our Missionary work in the bounds of our Conference would be much improved and an intelligent missionary interest awakened by holding a semi-annual meeting of our Board at some central point in the Spring, or early Summer, and that we request the President, Secretary and Treasurer to arrange for such meeting.

The Board unanimously recommends the appointment of Dr. E. S. Smith as Conference Missionary Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. B. SEARS,

Secretary.

Missionary Treasurer's Report.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Collected from Charges	\$4438 20
Anniversary Collection	21 00
From Smithville for 1897	16 15
Total	<u>\$4475 35</u>

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Sent J. D. Hamilton, General Treasurer . .	\$1850 00
“ “ “ “	2480 90
Sent by R. J. Briggs	124 45
Paid for Conference Annual	20 00
Total	<hr/> \$4475 35

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Balance from last year	\$ 918 04
Collected from Charges	3343 20
From Smithville for 1897	10 00
Anniversary Collection	21 00
Total	<hr/> \$4292 24
Paid to German Work	\$ 395 00
Paid out as per vouchers	2750 00
Paid for Conference Annual	20 00
Balance on hand	1127 24
Total	<hr/> \$4292 24

O. T. HOTCHKISS,
Treasurer.

San Antonio Rescue Home.

We, your Committee appointed to consider a proposition from the West Texas Conference, for co-operation in the work of the Rescue Home of said Conference, located at San Antonio, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully considered the matter as represented to us by Rev. Sterling Fisher and Rev. W. A. Bowen, of the West Texas Conference, and heartily recommend the San Antonio Rescue Home to the preachers and people of our Conference, and submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in further consideration of the fact that the Rescue Home is rendering aid to the fallen from the bounds of our Conference, and as our Conference has no regularly authorized agent in the field, that we request our pastors, ex-

cept those in appointments where work of a similar nature is already projected, or contemplated, to present the cause to their congregations during the year, and give them an opportunity to contribute voluntarily toward the maintenance of this very deserving institution, and we will welcome into our midst any duly authorized agent of the Home, who may come among us, and co-operate with such agent in efforts to sustain the work.

2nd. That we recommend the Woman's Home Mission Society of this Conference to co operate with the Society of the West Texas Conference in their work for the Rescue Home.

E. S. SMITH,
S. W. THOMAS,
W. WOOTTON.

The Spiritual State of the Church.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Your committee to whom an inquiry into the spiritual state of the church was assigned, has had the subject under serious and prayerful consideration, and offer the following as their report:

At the threshold of this subject stands the question: For what does the Church of Christ exist? What end did God purpose to accomplish in it, and through it by its institution? Negatively, it is not to accomplish the end that any other institution on earth proposes to itself; and to project its activities on any plan other than its own, is to prove recreant to its high calling. Whatever that end may be, if it is being accomplished on a reasonable scale, may be pronounced to be healthful; if there is failure in its accomplishment, to that extent its state is unhealthy, and should awaken solicitude. As to this end, there can be no controversy among those who are willing to be guided in their conclusions by the New Testament. This end is clearly twofold; First, to develope in all who enter its fold, by the forces and by the agencies lodged in it alone by its divine Founder, the Christ character; Secondly, to be used by Him in carrying forward the conquest of the world

to His peaceful sway and these ends are so related that the second can not be accomplished without the first. Whatever the Church may possess of wealth, learning, social prestige, aesthetic culture, or whatever else, generally or locally, if it fails to stamp upon its membership, the Christ character, and if it fails to be aggressive to the extent of its ability in pushing forward the conquests of the Gospel, it so far fails in the accomplishment of the purpose of its being, and is smitten with leanness of soul and spiritual paralysis. We cannot too firmly grasp this truth or too assiduously insist upon it, for it carries with it the whole question under investigation and gives the criteria for determining our answer.

Tried by this test, how shall your committee report the spiritual state of, to take no wider view, Southern Methodism, and more particularly of that portion represented by this conference? While everywhere are found those who bear the Christ character, is it not true that non-conformity to the world—its pleasures, its practices, and often its vices—has ceased to be that distinguishing work of church membership? Is your committee mistaken in believing that this fearful tendency is on the increase; that it threatens to become the trend of the church life in the future? If not mistaken, we submit that a Christless apostate church shorn of its power to elevate humanity, to purify and save the world, is the threat. For a church, Christ no longer its head, has no use in His plans and will have it to die of its own spiritual inanimation.

It is pertinent to ask, what causes have contributed to the type of the church life of which we have just spoken, and which we all deplore? No doubt these causes are numerous, too numerous to mention in this report, but among those that we will note, is:

First, The growing want of reverence among our people. Without reverence for God and everything made sacred by His appointment and touch, a healthy spiritual state is impossible. In our worshipping assemblies are too often witnessed exhibitions of lightness of conversation and bearing scarcely interrupted by the services, that forestalls the word of life and the people inquire why the Gospel is shorn of its

power. Perhaps nothing has contributed more to the prevalence of this reprehensible levity in our worshipping assemblies than the flippant and sensational style brought into the pulpit by many of our latter day evangelists, and copied by not a few of our pastors of the different churches. To touch the sacred ark of gospel truth, all stained with the blood of the crucified One, with innocent hands, is an offense to God who commanded Moses to take off his shoes at the burning bush; to provoke laughter when penitence is called for, is a crime against perishing souls.

Closely allied with the foregoing is the absence of a deep, thorough, scriptural sin-consciousness. While, in the early ages of the church, the ingrafting upon Christianity from Eastern theosophies, unscriptural phrases of the doctrine of original sin led to the extravagances of asceticism, we submit that much of the popular teaching of this age is towards the opposite extreme. Sin is minified as only an inherited misfortune and repentance as "quitting one's meanness," rather than the yielding by voluntary surrender to the impulses of a sinward tendency of nature against which the gospel provides amply—an act stamped with infinite demerit to be repented of with loathing on pain of eternal retribution. The outcome of this shallowness of religious conviction is superficiality of religious character. Much of the preaching and revival methods now current might be correctly labeled, "Conversions made easy." What wonder that those who are led to feel that, after all, sin is not such a fearful thing, should manifest little change of life on entering the church, "Our ship of Zion is being loaded down to the danger line with a register of cabin passengers in love with their sins. It is at this point that our modern evangelists' movement is to be deplored more than any other. Conversions must be counted by the score or hundred, or the evangelist will be discounted, and if sinners can not be brought up to a gospel standard of repentance and faith, then the standard must be lowered to their level. And generally in the direction of greed for a statistical display of the number of accessions to the church, rather than for a deep, sound, scriptural conversion lies our danger.

A third inquiry that we raise is, is not the tendency among us to regard the church as an organization, rather than as a divine organism, pulsating with God-given life? The tendency is to seek in co operative effort, in some form, the cure of all our ills, and the supply of all our wants. Hence we multiply church machinery to meet the increasing demands of our unfolding Christian civilization. This is well enough, provided the power at the center increases with the complication of the machinery, otherwise the machinery becomes dead weight. Our church polity, more complicated than that of any other Protestant churches, needs a higher pressure of spiritual power to carry the weight of its machinery and do the work to which it is set. Have we that power? If not, we have before us another cause, and after all, the chief cause, of whatever failure in the results of our labors we may deplore.

This report would be inculpably incomplete were we to fail to notice the function of the Christian ministry and its relation to the spiritual state of the church it is called to serve. By the same degree does the urgency rest upon us to see that ourselves live daily up to the ideal that we would have the church to reach. The esprit de corps among us, our average power to win desired results, is elevated or lowered by each one of us. It is the climax of folly to expect the church to glow with rays of divine glory if ourselves are not first bathed in celestial light. Do our people clamor for entertainment in the sanctuary rather than for spiritual food? If so, have we not created the demand? Do we complain that there is abroad a demand for shallow sensationalism rather than the bread of life? Where, if not from among ourselves, have arisen those that have perverted their taste? A deeply spiritual church with a shallow piety is a misfit that will adjust itself by the tearing down of the church to the level of the pastor; a consecrated, holy ministry will, in due time, give type to the church it serves. If we go out and in among our people, into our studies and into the pulpit with hearts lightly burdened with a sense of the sacredness and responsibility of our calling, we will find time to discuss in our assemblies literature, science and social reforms; but if we are

duly burdened with a sense of the worth and peril of the souls of the people, the four cardinal doctrines of our Methodism, Repentance, Justification by Faith, the Witness of the Spirit, and Holiness in life, will afford one ample field for display of all the ability with which God has endowed us. Perhaps we would find many of our old sermons useless were we to take up these themes in real earnest; but a sermon that does not embody one or more of these themes, whatever excellence it may possess, is powerless for the accomplishment of the end for which God has given the ministry to His church.

If, as far as time and space allowed in this report, we have indicated some of the causes that are operating an unsatisfactory state of the church, the diagnosis indicates the remedy. For irreverence, the inculcation by our precept and example of a profound sense of the majesty of God and the sacredness of all that He sets apart to holy uses. For shallowness in religious conviction and experience, a scriptural appreciation of the nature and enormity of sin, and the inevitable consequence of those who give place to it. For lack of spiritual power, the remedy does not lie in the direction of the multiplication and adjustment of church machinery but in a fresh and copious rebaptism of ourselves and those we are called to serve of the Holy Ghost. The way to get this is not by calling conventions to consider the needs of the church, but by tarrying in our closets with bared hearts before God until we realize the thrill of the Divine life imparted to us in its fulness. Never mind naming it, or considering its numerical rank in the order of blessings—God has named it; and it will come when we throw open an unobstructed gateway to its inflow, and not until then. Never mind the professing it, it will profess itself before heaven and earth, if we really have it, by a Christ-likeness of character and the fruits of Holiness. If there is unfaithfulness in our relation as pastors, we must amend, if the staple of our sermons is not thoroughly evangelical, full of divine life, we must, if we would be soul winners, have it so. If any of us have been guilty of letting down the whole question of our holy religion by lightness of spirit, and manner in the pulpit, to cover our-

selves with shame before God for so doing becomes us and reformation is called for.

It were easy to close this report by calling upon the members of this conference each, to merge himself in the body by passing a series of resolutions touching the subject in hand, but we prefer to have each to face the question in his own personality and upon his own responsibility. Praying a full baptism of power from on high upon our preachers and people we leave this report in your hands.

E. S. SMITH,
JOS. B. SEARS,
W. D. BRADFIELD,
J. L. MASSEY,
J. KILGORE,
Committee.

Concerning the General Conference.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Texas Annual Conference, believing that the meeting of the General Conference of our Church in our State would be greatly to the benefit of Texas Methodism, do earnestly invite the Committee on Arrangement to arrange for the next General Conference to meet in Texas.

SETH WARD,
D. H. HOTCHKISS.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered the citizens of Houston for their most cordial and liberal hospitality in entertaining the members and visitors of this Conference, and that we will ever hold them in most grateful remembrance.

2nd. That we express our hearty appreciation of the courtesies shown the various Boards of our Conference by the T. W. House Bank for their kindness in issuing drafts and furnishing exchange free.

3rd. That we acknowledge our indebtedness to the various Churches of Houston for their fraternal spirit in inviting our ministers to occupy their pulpits on Sunday.

4th. That as a Conference we appreciate the kindness of the various railroads in granting reduced rates to this Conference.

5th. Our thanks are tendered the press for their reports of our proceedings.

J. B. SEARS,

J. B. COCHRAN,

PART V.

Memoir.

REV. JAMES M. WESSON.

Rev. James M. Wesson, son of Thomas and Mary Wesson, was born in Ratcliff Square, London, England, July 18, 1819. His parents were pious people, both of them being teachers in what was known as the St. George Sunday School, a Parish church of the Wesleyan Methodists.

He states in his reminiscences, That so faithful were his parents in his early instructions in the principals of Christianity, that at the age of five years he was fully impressed with the importance of accepting Christ by faith, In his early training was laid the foundation of that character which made it possible to say of him, as it is recorded of David, "Having served his day and generation according to the will of God, he fell on sleep."

Reared in the humble, but pious home, with the example of godly parents before him every day, it may be said of him as of Timothy: "That from a child he had known the Holy Scriptures." and they made him wise unto salvation through Jesus Christ. As a child in the home, he was affectionate, truthful, and obedient. As a youth, loving home and country, honoring his father and mother, as a young man, assuming life's duties in the fear of the Lord. At the age of about thirteen or fourteen years he joined a marine society, an organization for the training of sailors.

Your committee was much impressed with one statement, made by Bro. Wesson himself; he says: "About this time a movement for the suppression of intemperance was set on foot by the formation of temperance societies, the members of which were pledged to abstain from the use of spiritous liquors. Our family

joined, I was eight years old when I signed the pledge. I have ever blessed God for this, it kept me from a thousand temptations, by keeping me out of evil company."

We have every reason to believe that pledge was never violated down to his dying day. This early training so implanted the principals of honor and uprightness that he became in all life's affairs, firm, unflinching, and immovable where principle was involved. Gentleness and love were twin graces in his character, and if he ever thought evil of any one his life did not give utterance to the thought. To do good was the ambition of his life.

We read from his own pen: "On the 10th day of April, 1836, I left London bound for New York, arriving there the 10 day of, June, I determined to try my fortune in the new world." I at once became an apprentice to the carpenters trade.

He was converted in Rochester, N. Y. Jan. 8, 1839, in a protracted meeting conducted by Noah Levering. He at once joined the Methodist Church, and was ever afterwards an active working member. In 1840 he decided to go west. September 5, 1840, he arrived in Cincinnati, from there he went to St. Louis, and finally landed in New Orleans in 1840, November 19. He left New Orleans in a few days on board a ship for Galveston Texas. The same ship brought Bishop Waugh to Texas to organize the first Methodist Conference in the State in 1840. He arrived in Austin, Texas, March 13, 1841, where he went to work at his trade, depositing his church letter in Austin the first opportunity, and becoming then an active worker in Texas Methodism. Attended his first camp meeting at Moore's Prairie June 2, 1841, conducted by Robert Alexander and Father Haynie. He was licensed to preach at Bastrop, November 10, 1843. John Clark Presiding Elder, and at the same time recommended to the traveling connection in the Texas Annual Conference at its session held near Huntsville, Texas, December, 1843. He was admitted on trial and was appointed junior preacher on Franklin Circuit. He received notice of his admission and appointment January 14, 1844. Rev. J. W. Whipple was his Presiding Elder. He arrived on his circuit March 30, 1844, he preached his first sermon in the house of a Sister Currey, Sunday evening March 31, 1844, from the text found in Mark, first chapter and fifteenth verse.

He was ordained deacon at the Conference in Houston January 7, 1846, by Bishop Soule. He was ordained Elder by Bishop Capers, January 2, 1848.

He was married three times, On April 1, 1847, he was married to Miss Almira F. Hoskins, whose valuable life and labors were spared to him but a few years, she passing away July 7, 1851. On July 1, 1852, he was married to Miss Nancy Byrd, who lived and labored with him through all the years up to Nov. 2, 1884. Some years after the death of his second wife he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Collins, who died December 29, 1897.

During his long and successful ministry, stretching over a period of over fifty years, he served the following charges as pastor and Presiding Elder:

In 1844, Franklin Circuit; 1845, Brazos Circuit; 1846, Richmond; 1847, Brazoria; 1848-9, Galveston; 1850-1, Galveston District; 1852-3-4, Rutersville District; 1855, Austin Station; 1856-7, Washington; 1858-9, Huntsville Station; 1860-1 Galveston Station; 1862-3, Anderson Circuit; 1864, Huntsville Station; 1865, Waco; 1866, Plantersville; 1867, no record; 1868, Huntsville District; 1869, Navasota; 1870-1-2, Galveston District; 1873, Huntsville District; 1874, Navasota; 1875-6, Huntsville District; 1877-8, Plantersville and Courtney; 1879, Madisonville Circuit; 1880, Bryan Circuit; 1881, Agent American Bible Society; 1883, Chappell Hill Station; 1884-5, Milican and Welborn; 1886, Burton Circuit; 1887 superannuated; in 1888, Montgomery Circuit; 1889, superannuated; 1890, Plantersville and Courtney, in 1891, superannuated; since which time his name does not appear on the effective list of the Conference.

After retiring on the superannuated list, honored and loved by all his brethren, he did much effective work, laboring in those places where his services were most needed, and assisting his brethren where he could be of service to them. During his last years he was much afflicted, but he was patient and calm, His sunset, as his whole ministerial life had been, was radiant with the light that beams from the cross, a happy close to a long bright day, a day filled with labors for the Master. He fought a good fight side by side with the foremost of those whose names enrich the annals of Texas Methodism. He held a place, the

peer of the wisest and the best; he was endowed with a strong active physical constitution, and in the vigor and bouyancy of a green old age, he was happy and serene in full view of the sun-lit shore of his future home.

Death came, there was no surprise; his lamp was trimmed and burning, had been trimmed for more than half a century. When the final hour came, he was conscious of his mortal peril, and with a heart thrilling responsive to the voice of his triumphant faith, he said; "All is well," and as the life ebbed out they saw him rounding the point with the light just a head; and so life's voyage ended and he anchored safely in the harbor of endless Rest. Thus he went from us, but we look longingly after him and cry:

"Go Spirit of the sainted dead,
Go to thy longed for happy home.
The tears of man are on thee shed.
The voice of Angels bid thee come.
If life be not in length of days,
In silvered locks, and furoughed brow,
But living to the Saviors praise;
How few have lived so long as thou."

H. M. SEARS.

For the Committee.

Register and Directory.

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

NAME	WHEN AND HOW RECEIVED.			POSTOFFICE.
	Admitted on Trial.	Transferred.	Re-Admitted.	
Adams, James M.....	1887	.....	.....	Houston.
Adams, Robert W.....	1892	.....	.....	Willis.
Allen, Fred L.....	.....	1866	.....	Rockdale.
Allen, Beverly W.....	1894	.....	.....	Buffalo.
Anderson, A. J.....	.....	1888	.....	Conroe.
Blake, T. W.....	1859	.....	.....	Plantersville.
Bracewell, W. C.....	1892	.....	.....	Lyons.
Bradfield, W. D.....	.....	1896	.....	Galveston.
Brinson, W. F.....	1885	.....	.....	Weimar.
Brooks, Calvin H.....	.....	.....	1878	Elgin.
Brooks, William H.....	1888	.....	.....	Jewett.
Brown, Samuel P.....	1885	.....	.....	Rosebud.
Bryce, Ira M.....	.....	1893	.....	Flatonia.
Cain, Thomas R.....	1891	.....	.....	Ad Hall.
Callaway, John J.....	1891	.....	.....	Matagorda.
Campbell, Willie R.....	1894	.....	.....	Webberville.
Chambers, S. F.....	.....	1894	.....	Galveston.
Cochran, John B.....	1886	.....	.....	Bryan.
Collins, George H.....	1885	.....	.....	La Grange.
Crutchfield, J M.....	.....	1895	.....	Davilla.
Cullen, James W.....	.....	1893	.....	Chilton.
Daniel Mellodius F.....	1893	.....	.....	Giddings.
Davidson, John H.....	.....	1853	.....	Galveston.
Davis, Louis P.....	1887	.....	.....	Fulshear.
Farrington, C. L.....	.....	1870	.....	Sealy.
Favre, F. O.....	.....	1885	.....	Franklin.
Garrett, Clyde B.....	1894	.....	.....	Hearne.
Gaskins, W. D.....	.....	1896	.....	Manchaca.
Goodwyn, Alexander E.....	.....	1877	.....	Marlin.
Gordon, Ira B.....	1890	.....	.....	Dodge.
Graves, Thomas B.....	1882	.....	.....	Smithville.
Green, John E.....	1883	.....	.....	Houston.
Guess, B. J.....	.....	.....	1894	Cedar Bayou.
Hammond, Fiske E.....	.....	1895	.....	Manor.
Harmon, John W.....	1888	.....	.....	Bremond.

NAME.	WHEN AND HOW RECEIVED.			POSTOFFICE.
	Admitted on Trial.	Transferred.	Re-Admitted.	
Hart, H. T.....	1885			Durango.
Haynie, Henry M.....	1885			Chappell Hill.
Hocutt, Enon G.....	1882			Austin.
Holt, John W.....		1892		Fairfield.
Hooper, Charles A.....	1887			Navasota.
Horn, J. W.....		1888		Houston.
Horner, W. W.....		1892		Montgomery.
Hotchkiss, Oscar T.....	1875			Houston.
Hotchkiss, DeWitt H.....	1889			Houston.
Keith, Ellie C.....	1895			Rogers Prairie.
Kelly, J. W....	1877			Winchester.
Kilgore, James.....	1892			Calvert.
Kimble, Henry R.....	1894			Maysfield.
LeClere, George A.....		1892		Georgetown.
Lindsey, Marion L.....	1894			Kosse.
Linebaugh, D. H.....		1882		Atoka. I. T
Massey, Jesse L.....		1892		Brenham.
McDonald, W. T.....	1890			Fiskville.
McIver, John A.....		1895		Calvert.
McLarty, Chas. U.....	1895			Stoneham.
McMahan, John W.....	1888			Columbus.
McShan, F. A.....		1857		Rockdale.
Melugin, W. T.....		1897		Lexington.
Mickle, J. C.....	1878			Navasota.
Moore, J. C.....	1891			Prairie Plains.
Morgan, Samuel H.....	1889			Madisonville.
Murray, J. R.....	1892			Wharton.
Myers, Erastus M.....	1891			Millican.
Nelms, William G.....	1849			Lorena.
Newsom, Ernest P.....	1894			Huntsville.
Nunn, R. E.....		1897		Eagle Lake.
Oxley, C. J.....		1897		Galveston.
Phair, George H.....	1874			Hempstead.
Philpott, H. V.....		1893		College Station.
Powledge, Gideon.....	1882			Prairie Plains.
Potts, Edmund A.....	1894			Ben Arnold.
Ray, Geo. R.....	1896			Pettaway.
Russell, J. L.....			1894	Dickinson.
Sandel, G. S.....	1862			Anderson.
Sears, Henry M.....		1882		Austin.
Sears, Joseph B.....		1883		Cameron.

REGISTER AND DIRECTORY.

NAME.	WHEN AND HOW RECEIVED.			POSTOFFICE.
	Admitted on Trial.	Transferred.	Re-Admitted.	
Shettles, E. L.	1891	.....	.....	Austin.
Simpson, Charles E.	1892	.....	.....	Hockley.
Skinner J. P.	1891	.....	.....	Cold Springs.
Smith, E. S. ....	.....	1875	.....	San Marcos.
Smith, Wesley. ....	.....	1879	.....	Abilene.
Solomon, Emmett W. ....	.....	1888	.....	Georgetown.
Stewart, John C.	1893	.....	.....	Dayton.
Stovall, George.	1885	.....	.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Thomas, S. W. ....	.....	1893	.....	Richmond.
Thompson, Columbus M.	1892	.....	.....	Centreville.
Thompson, John W.	1892	.....	.....	Iola.
Turner W. K. with ceded	tery	1882	.....	Franklin
Washburn, W. E.	1884	.....	.....	Deanville.
Ward, Seth. ....	.....	1882	.....	Houston.
Whaling, H. M. ....	.....	1898	.....	Austin.
Williams, Horace G.	1889	.....	.....	Angleton.
Williford, Thomas S.	1890	.....	.....	Columbia.
Willis, Hubert C.	1892	.....	.....	Caldwell.
Wootton, Weems. ....	.....	.....	1876	Marlin.
Yeats, J. L.	1893	.....	.....	Milano.
ON TRIAL.				
Bergin, John W.	1897	.....	.....	Alvin.
Boyd, A. L.	1898	.....	.....	Bellville.
Cameron, John C.	1897	.....	.....	Cedar Creek
Diehl, M. E.	1898	.....	.....	Austin.
Edgar, William W.	1898	.....	.....	Franklin.
George, Robert C.	1898	.....	.....	McDade.
Glazener Benjamin L.	1898	.....	.....	Rosenberg.
Neel, Lemuel M.	1898	.....	.....	El Campo.
Porter, D. Knox.	1898	.....	.....	Kosse.
Powell, Nathan.	1897	.....	.....	Bastrop.
Warlick, John R.	1897	.....	.....	Sandy Point.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—HOUSTON DISTRICT, 1898.

NAME OF CHARGE.	L. Preach.	Members this Year	Members last Year	On Prof. of Faith	Cert. or otherwise	Removals all Causes	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Societies in Charge	Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness on Churches	Parson's	Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness on parsonages	Value of Other Ch Property	Cash Exp'd on Ch's and P's.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep L's	Ep League Members	No. Sch's	No. Offic's & Teachers	No. of Scholars	Am't Collected for Sunday Schools	Am't Collected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Children's Day	Am't Col'd for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised	DEL. GEN. CONF.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y
																		Ins. card	Pre-m's paid.	Col. on loss											Paid.	Paid.
Shearn.....	3	683	669	15	45	46	13	6	1	1	36000					27800	200 00	15000			1	85	1	39	250	285 47	121 25	15 25		421 97	5 00	
Washington St..	3	340	371	15	30	76	10		1	1	5000		1	2000		1000	130 00			2	70	2	20	175	75 00	16 00		44 00	135 00	2 00	2 00	
McKee St.....	2	275	286		9	25	7	4	2	2	4100					500	75 00	1800			1	20	3	25	324	99 55	21 37	5 20	126 12			
Tabernacle.....	2	205	211	8	13	27	7	1	1	1	8250					1100	00 00	3000	30 00		1	46	2	11	160	86 69	44 01	5 45	136 15	1 50		
City Mission.....	2	136	136	12	6	18	20	7	2	2	3500	47 45				150 90		1800			1	25	1	13	113	34 33	41 90	2 00	49 60	127 83	1 00	3 45
St. John's.....	2	347	319	35	48	55	7	5	1	1	40000					1100	1400 00			2	130	1	25	317	336 52	60 00	5 10	401 62				
St. James'.....	2	187	198	19	21	51	6	1	1	1	20000		1	2500		107 00	1000	14 00			110	1	16	229	211 09	25 00	3 90	15 00	254 99	1 05	4 50	
West End.....	2	131	114	18	34	34	9	1	1	1	3500		1	800		764 00				1	30	1	10	80	81 55	16 98	10 00	108 53		1 34		
Richmond.....	1	121	123	4	4	10	11	1	1	1	2500		1	1000	400 00	20 00				2	56	1	7	65	28 00	10 00		38 00	2 25			
Columbia & B..	1	146	150	3	2	9	3	1	3	1	2500		1	900						1	31	1	15	65	42 10	7 25		49 35	1 50			
Sandy Point.....	1	144		51	101	8	1	13	4	2	1000	70 00	1	200		662 00				1	54	2	9	80	22 00		37 00	65 00				
Matagorda.....	1	238	221	11	22	16	5	4	6	4	3800	180 00	1	850		275 00				2	58	4	29	190	68 25	15 00	120 40	204 35	1 75	1 40		
Rosenberg.....	1	177	165	6	24	18	8		6	2	800	50 00				200 00							10	20	17 00			17 00				
Cedar Bayou.....	1	214	209	9	7	11	4	4	8	2	2200		1	1000		27 00				1	31	3	24	148	72 80	3 40	3 20	83 85	50	1 00		
Alvin.....	2	283	294	35	24	70	9	13	1	1	1200		1	600						2	95	1	15	160	53 00	25 00	1 88	79 88	2 05	3 00		
Angleton.....	2	299	286	10	71	68	12	3	5	6	7300		1	650		70 00				1	60	4	18	176	99 78	14 50		114 28	1 50			
Wharton & H.....	2	141	203	20	30	112	2	1	2	2	1400		1	800		445 00				2	30	2	18	90	53 50	12 00	2 45	67 95	2 00			
El Campo.....	1	223	70	81	106	34	10	20	6	1	1200					220 60						15	120	36 85	3 75		40 60		1 00			
Patterson.....	2	285	269	9	23	16	7	2	3	3	3550		1	900		1010 00				3	78	3	23	184	75 35	36 57	5 00	116 92	1 75	2 90		
Dickinson.....	2	148	144		12	8	3		6	2	1500		1	500		50 00				1	25	4	20	175	20 00	2 00		72 00		5 00		
TOTAL.....	28	4725	4438	366	629	712	160	89	61	37	149300	347 45	13	12700	400 00	31400	6907 50	22600	44 00		26	1003	39	358	2973	1762 03	490 58	36 05	288 18	2658 19	32 05	25 59

NAME OF CHARGE.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCAT'N.		G. B. E.	P & L Inst.	W's. F. M. Soc	W's. H. M. Soc	Orphan-age	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	P'd	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
Shearn.....	425 00	425 00	2500 00	2500 00	60 00	60 00	200 00	200 00	285 00	290 00	220 00	220 00	125 00	130 00	75 00	75 00	10 00	12 50	225 11	2136 26	30 00	.....	6318 78
Washington St..	125 00	110 00	900 00	800 00	15 00	15 00	72 00	72 00	80 00	80 00	62 50	62 50	35 00	35 00	20 00	20 00	3 00	3 50	.....	.....	2 00	152 00	1364 50
McKee St.....	125 00	58 10	900 00	575 00	15 00	15 00	72 00	72 00	80 00	80 00	62 50	62 50	35 00	35 00	20 00	20 00	3 00	3 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1125 82
Tabernacle.....	110 00	81 20	800 00	589 55	14 00	14 00	64 00	64 00	68 00	68 00	56 00	56 00	33 50	33 50	20 00	20 00	3 50	5 00	15 00	934 00	2 25	.....	2451 00
City Mission.....	40 00	38 00	248 00	231 70	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	7 50	7 50	1 00	1 50	.....	66 50	4 50	286 00	719 65
St. John's.....	240 00	240 00	1500 00	1500 00	28 00	28 00	120 00	120 00	150 00	155 00	120 00	120 00	65 00	65 00	40 00	40 00	5 00	6 00	.....	.....	14 00	1810 62	4089 62
St. James'.....	125 00	125 00	900 00	900 00	20 00	20 00	72 00	72 00	85 00	90 00	70 00	70 00	40 00	40 00	22 00	22 00	3 00	3 00	40 00	107 77	2 00	.....	1504 27
West End.....	85 00	60 00	600 00	516 00	10 00	10 00	48 00	48 00	55 00	.....	40 00	40 00	25 00	20 00	15 00	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	701 74
Richmond.....	125 00	71 00	800 00	600 00	15 00	15 00	64 00	64 00	80 00	80 00	62 50	62 50	35 00	35 00	20 00	25 60	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	7 00	103 95	1072 30
Columbia & B..	90 00	90 00	700 00	700 00	12 00	12 00	56 00	56 00	60 00	65 00	50 00	50 00	30 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	2 00	2 50	78 55	.....	6 50	.....	1242 40
Sandy Point.....	25 00	25 00	330 00	330 00	4 00	4 00	25 20	25 20	12 00	22 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	9 00	5 50	8 00	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	438 70
Matagorda.....	80 00	72 25	600 00	562 50	10 00	10 00	48 00	48 00	52 00	52 00	40 00	40 00	22 00	25 10	15 00	15 00	3 75	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	1317 10
Rosenberg.....	32 50	26 55	300 00	218 65	4 00	4 00	21 40	21 40	20 00	20 00	17 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	5 50	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	324 10
Cedar Bayou.....	80 00	55 05	620 00	426 35	10 00	10 00	49 60	49 60	52 00	64 00	40 00	40 00	23 50	23 50	15 00	19 50	1 75	2 50	.....	.....	6 00	27 50	720 35
Alvin.....	67 50	67 50	500 00	500 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	46 00	50 00	50 00	37 50	37 50	22 00	22 00	12 00	12 00	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	808 05
Angleton.....	75 00	55 25	600 00	445 35	10 00	10 00	48 00	48 00	50 00	50 00	42 00	42 00	24 00	24 50	12 00	17 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	702 10
Wharton & H.....	80 00	67 25	600 00	525 00	12 00	12 00	48 00	48 00	54 00	59 00	45 00	45 00	22 00	22 00	15 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	1304 20
El Campo.....	25 00	15 00	300 00	165 00	4 00	4 00	24 00	24 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	9 00	5 50	6 50	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	251 00
Patterson.....	85 00	75 95	575 00	513 80	12 00	12 00	46 00	46 00	55 00	70 00	45 00	45 00	25 00	25 00	16 00	16 00	2 00	2 50	67 67	.....	5 50	.....	870 57
Dickinson.....	60 00	46 00	380 00	275 00	8 00	8 00	30 40	25 00	35 00	28 00	30 00	30 00	20 00	14 40	10 00	7 00	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	446 80
TOTAL.....	2100 00	1802 10	14653 00	12873 90	278 00	278 00	1168 60	1169 20	1360 00	1360 00	1080 00	1080 00	618 00	618 00	366 00	366 00	50 00	60 00	426 33	3244 53	144 75	2380 07	27773 05

NOTE.—Sandy Point Church was damaged to the amount of \$80.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—AUSTIN DISTRICT, 1898.

NAME OF CHARGE.	L. Preach.	Members this Year	Members last Year	On Prof. of Faith	Cert. or otherwise	Removals all Causes	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Societies in Charge	Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness on Churches	Parson's Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness on P's'n'ges	Value of Other Ch Property	Ch's Exp'd on Ch'ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep L's	Ep League Members	No. S Sch's	No. Offic's & Teach.	No. of Scholars	Am't Col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't Col-lected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Children's Day	Am't Col'd for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised	DEL. GEN. CONF.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y	
																	Ins. car'd	Pre-m's paid.	Col. on loss.											Paid	Paid	
10th St., Austin.	2	564	585	23	15	59	4	5	1	1	25000	1	2000	.....	500	693 35	.....	.....	.....	1	100	1	43	250	122 99	.....	.....	125 00	247 99	.....	.....
Hotchkiss M.....	2	189	221	7	6	55	1	4	1	1	2750	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	1	53	2	39	236	114 30	.....	.....	.....	114 30	.....	15 00
1st St., Austin ..	3	211	177	23	33	22	8	12	1	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....	1	24	1	15	136	40 00	.....	.....	.....	61 00	.....	7 00
South Austin.....	2	65	.....	5	95	35	2	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	1	12	95	28 00	.....	.....	.....	32 00	.....	.....
Manhaca	1	347	341	15	9	18	4	10	4	4	2600	.....	1	500	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	125	40 00	.....	.....	.....	42 00	.....	2 00
Webberville.....	1	245	215	13	18	1	12	4	5	3	2025	.....	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	97	17 50	.....	.....	.....	17 50	.....	50	
McDade	1	283	206	30	55	8	3	10	4	4	3000	.....	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	40	16 00	.....	.....	.....	18 10	1 00	.....	
Cedar Creek.....	1	160	157	10	3	10	1	3	4	1	500	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	26	100	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 40	.....	1 00
West Point	2	246	369	7	4	144	9	1	5	5	3500	.....	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	100	15 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 40	1 00	50
Eagle Lake & R.I	1	114	93	9	7	10	1	4	3	12	800	150 00	1	600	.....	60 00	250	1 75	150	1	12	3	15	105	25 00	10 00	3 60	.....	38 60	.....	.....
Weimar and O.....	1	281	293	4	6	22	8	1	2	12	2900	.....	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	1	16	125	33 00	3 75	2 10	15 40	54 25	2 00	5 00
Cypress Mission	.....	232	190	21	27	6	1	12	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	16	120	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	1 00
Manor.....	.....	193	207	1	3	18	2	.....	1	1	2500	.....	1	1725	410 00	90	58 00	.....	.....	1	15	1	8	40	23 00	7 15	.....	.....	30 15	.....	1 00
Elgin.....	.....	211	190	7	18	4	1	.....	2	1	1200	.....	1	1000	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	1	40	1	8	79	30 00	13 25	.....	33 80	77 05	.....	.....
Bastrop.....	1	143	144	1	8	10	4	.....	1	1	5500	.....	1	2600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	42	1	13	90	.....	8 10	.....	.....	8 10	.....	2 40
Smithville.....	1	180	168	6	25	19	3	2	1	1	2700	.....	1	1000	.....	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	194	61 30	16 70	2 50	.....	.....	80 50	.....	.....
La Grange.....	1	224	229	.....	6	11	.....	.....	1	1	5000	.....	1	2500	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....	1	16	1	16	90	44 17	3 60	.....	.....	47 77	.....	.....
Columbus.....	.....	220	206	10	14	10	3	5	1	1	5500	.....	1	800	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	2	35	1	17	90	45 65	12 00	.....	.....	57 65	.....	.....
Merrilltown & W	.....	152	161	.....	2	9	9	.....	.....	.....	2400	89 00	1	600	.....	785	532 00	.....	.....	.....	2	13	68	14 80	.....	3 00	.....	.....	17 80	1 00	.....
Flatonia	2	267	261	17	3	14	8	3	1	1	3000	.....	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	58	1	14	150	55 55	24 25	.....	.....	79 80	2 00	.....
TOTAL.....	18	4527	4413	269	372	485	90	76	43	33	73,375	239 00	15	17,225	410 00	1425	3343 35	250	1 75	150	14	440	33	330	2320	751 66	122 80	16 30	189 20	1064 96	14 50	34 40

NAME OF CHARGE.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCAT'N.		G. B. E.	P & L Inst.	W's.F. M. Soc	W's.H M. Soc	Orphan-age	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		
10th St., Austin.	265 00	265 00	2000 00	1166 65	38 00	.....	160 00	90 00	204 00	124 45	160 00	.....	78 00	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1817 00
Hotchkiss M.....	80 00	60 00	650 00	498 70	12 00	12 00	52 00	52 00	60 00	60 00	48 00	.....	48 00	24 00	17 00	.....	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	799 70
1st St., Austin ..	60 00	60 00	500 00	500 00	9 00	5 60	40 00	15 00	45 00	37 00	36 00	.....	30 00	17 00	5 00	14 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	230 00	.....	943 00
South Austin.....	23 00	18 00	250 00	150 00	4 00	1 00	20 00	3 60	25 00	5 00	20 00	.....	11 00	10 00	10 00	7 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	199 00
Manhaca	56 00	52 70	454 00	428 50	9 00	6 00	36 00	30 00	43 00	40 00	38 00	.....	28 00	16 00	.....	14 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	70 00	.....	664 00
Webberville C....	70 00	62 90	530 00	469 90	9 00	8 00	42 40	37 50	54 00	40 00	42 00	.....	35 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	9 00	.....	.....	19 00	.....	697 30	
McDade	45 00	28 30	435 00	254 70	7 00	6 00	38 40	20 40	34 00	25 00	27 00	.....	20 00	13 00	9 00	10 00	6 25	1 00	1 00	.....	4 00	.....	376 65
Cedar Creek.....	35 00	23 50	300 00	196 00	5 00	5 00	24 00	24 00	18 00	21 00	21 00	.....	21 00	10 00	8 00	7 00	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	303 50	
West Point.....	70 00	54 85	526 00	411 85	11 00	5 00	32 88	28 60	62 00	25 00	48 00	.....	5 00	24 60	4 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	31 55	.....	572 75
Eagle Lake.....	66 00	47 25	500 00	348 00	9 00	4 00	40 00	27 00	53 00	20 00	40 00	.....	51 00	25 00	15 50	18 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	.....	5 00	570 00	1050 00
Weimar and O....	85 00	79 50	657 00	614 15	12 00	12 00	51 00	51 00	65 00	65 00	51 00	.....	51 00	25 00	15 50	18 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	.....	8 00	.....	918 15
Cypress Miss'n	26 00	14 60	200 00	100 00	4 00	4 00	7 50	7 50	20 00	20 00	16 00	.....	16 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	.....	4 00	127 07	.....	180 10
Manor.....	80 00	63 15	600 00	473 60	11 00	9 75	37 00	37 00	50 00	48 00	36 00	.....	36 00	24 00	20 00	18 00	13 00	.....	25 00	.....	5 00	.....	838 17
Elgin.....	67 00	58 50	500 00	433 40	10 00	10 00	40 00	20 60	49 00	20 00	38 00	.....	20 00	18 00	2 45	14 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	689 35	
Bastrop.....	106 00	106 00	800 00	800 00	15 00	15 00	64 00	64 00	82 00	82 00	64 00	.....	64 00	31 00	18 00	24 00	24 00	3 00	.....	9 00	.....	1189 40	
Smithville.....	72 00	62 00	600 00	517 25	10 00	10 00	48 00	42 00	56 00	25 00	44 00	.....	44 00	22 00	16 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	749 25	
La Grange.....	134 00	134 00	800 00	800 00	18 00	10 00	64 00	64 00	102 00	50 00	80 00	.....	45 00	39 00	8 00	32 00	8 00	.....	.....	7 00	415 00	.....	1543 00
Columbus.....	92 00	80 00	900 00	775 50	13 00	11 00	72 00	56 00	70 00	56 00	56 00	.....	45 00	27 00	9 00	22 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1055 00
Merrilltown	53 00	40 38	375 00	270 30	8 00	2 80	30 00	11 00	40 00	12 25	32 00	.....	11 00	15 00	5 00	11 00	3 00	.....	.....	2 25	17 00	.....	923 78
Flatonia	106 00	106 00	700 00	700 00	15 00	15 00	56 00	56 00	82 00	82 00	64 00	.....	64 00	31 00	31 00	24 00	24 00	3 00	4 00	.....	9 00	.....	1096 00
TOTAL.....	1601 00	1416 63	12277 00	9908 50	229 00	151 55	955 18	735 40	1226 00	856 60	973 00	.....	634 60	472 00	222 70	346 00	165 25	13 50	18 50	25 00	103 25	1469 62	16605 08

NOTE.—Eagle Lake Church was damaged to the amount of \$150.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—BRENHAM DISTRICT, 1898.

NAME OF CHARGE.	L. Preach.	Members this Year	Members last Year	On Prof. of Faith	Certi. or otherwise	Removal all Causes	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Societies in Charge	Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness on Churches	Parson's	Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness on parsonages	P's'n'ges	Value of Other Ch Property	C'sh Exp'd on Ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS			No. Ep L's	Ep League Members	No. S Sch's	No. Offic's & Teach.	No. of Scholars	Am't Col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't Col-lected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Chil-dren's Day	Am't Col'd for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised	DEL. GEN. CONF.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y
																			Ins. car'd	Pre-iums paid	Col. on loss.											Paid.	Paid.
Brenham.....	2	343	321	2	31	11	.....	.....	1	12	22300	.....	2	3750	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	1	60	1	23	177	80 65	20 00	.....	5 00	105 65	5 00	.....	
Giddings.....	1	136	133	.....	9	6	4	.....	3	12	3000	.....	1	1000	.....	500	363 00	.....	.....	1	30	2	18	125	25 00	3 05	1 80	.....	29 85	2 50	5 05
Sealy.....	.....	185	180	6	8	9	9	5	3	12	3000	.....	1	1500	.....	.....	195 00	.....	.....	1	20	3	25	190	15 00	18 00	4 65	50 00	117 65	3 00	1 60
Caldwell.....	.....	255	175	.....	8	2	11	.....	3	12	6000	.....	1	1700	.....	2000	15 00	.....	.....	1	40	1	16	100	74 30	15 00	.....	22 00	111 30	.....	.....
Cameron.....	3	285	300	2	23	40	20	12	1	1	3000	.....	1	3000	.....	.....	65 00	1000	11 00	.....	1	30	1	23	140	18 00	5 00	.....	23 00	3 50	.....	
Davilla.....	4	400	410	4	6	20	5	4	5	12	1000	.....	1	500	.....	1200	415 00	1500	.....	.....	2	12	80	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	
Rockdale.....	.....	142	151	4	17	30	11	4	1	1	4000	600 00	1	900	.....	.....	200 00	2500	25 00	.....	1	30	1	11	100	45 00	50 00	.....	95 00	5 00	.....	
Lexington.....	1	226	325	4	20	123	10	2	4	3	2400	.....	1	500	.....	.....	125 00	.....	.....	1	20	3	15	130	15 00	1 15	3 25	.....	19 40	.....	50
Ben Arnold.....	1	121	128	.....	4	11	6	.....	4	12	600	.....	1	350	93 00	.....	143 70	.....	.....	1	25	1	10	100	85 00	30 00	.....	7 00	112 00	.....	12 00
Chappell Hill.....	.....	183	200	.....	8	25	1	.....	1	1	1200	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	450 00	.....	.....	1	25	1	10	100	85 00	30 00	.....	7 00	112 00	.....	12 00
Bellville.....	.....	250	280	1	5	36	.....	5	4	3	4000	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	4	20	175	17 00	6 35	.....	23 35	2 50	3 25	
Lyons.....	2	210	205	.....	45	40	.....	.....	4	3	1600	.....	1	800	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	3	12	80	12 00	.....	2 00	.....	14 00	3 60	.....		
Milano.....	1	397	493	8	3	107	13	4	5	5	4000	.....	1	400	.....	.....	43 00	.....	.....	.....	3	13	131	10 50	4 45	.....	.....	14 95	2 50	.....		
Cameron.....	.....	281	295	6	12	32	1	1	5	3	1850	.....	1	450	.....	.....	562 75	.....	.....	.....	4	24	153	21 21	4 02	4 13	4 25	33 61	1 50	1 00	
Maysfield.....	1	239	253	.....	3	17	6	.....	3	1	1500	.....	1	800	50 00	250	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	13	80	12 00	4 25	.....	16 25	.....	95	
Pleasant Hill.....	1	335	345	2	5	17	1	1	4	3	3000	.....	1	700	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	3	24	80	14 00	2 60	2 00	.....	18 60	.....	.....	
Deanville.....	2	188	183	4	7	6	1	.....	5	1	500	.....	1	200	.....	425	106 20	.....	.....	1	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	19	4176	4377	48	289	538	99	30	55	37	62950	600 00	18	18550	143 00	4375	2928 65	5000	36 00	10	299	33	259	1847	461 66	176 87	22 83	88 25	739 61	30 60	16 35	

NAME OF CHARGE	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCATION		G. B. F.	P & L Inst.	W's F. M. Soc	W's H. M. Soc	Orphan age	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid.	As'd	Paid							
Brenham.....	192 00	192 00	1200 00	1200 00	32 42	32 42	96 00	96 00	140 00	140 00	112 00	112 00	53 20	53 20	40 00	40 00	4 90	6 30			16 80	249 16	2142 78
Giddings.....	80 00	77 25	500 00	476 45	15 17	12 50	40 00	40 00	57 80	57 80	46 24	40 05	21 19	11 05	20 25	10 00					11 15		743 80
Sealy.....	108 00	85 40	675 00	518 95	15 00	8 00	54 00	41 50	70 00	42 00	50 00	35 00	26 60	12 00	24 50	4 00					8 40	195 00	954 85
Caldwell.....	96 00	86 95	600 00	550 35	13 67	12 00	48 00	43 35	57 80	57 80	46 25	46 24	21 96	10 00	20 23	14 00	1 00	2 00			7 00		831 60
Cameron.....	172 80	172 80	1080 00	1080 00	26 00	26 00	86 40	86 40	105 20	105 20	84 16	84 16	43 70	43 70	40 20	40 20			6 00		13 80	65 00	1726 76
Davilla.....	80 00	59 95	500 00	381 00	10 53	9 00	46 00	36 00	38 00	22 00	17 55	9 00	16 77	9 00							6 50		532 45
Rockdale.....	128 00	112 00	800 00	700 00	17 00	17 00	64 00	40 00	75 00	75 00	60 00	50 00	28 00	28 00	26 00	11 00				125 00	9 00		1122 50
Lexington.....	64 00	51 55	400 00	322 00	13 00	6 00	32 00	10 00	43 00	12 00	34 00	12 00	17 00	7 00	15 00	2 00		1 00			5 45		429 50
Ben Arnold.....	40 00	24 00	250 00	166 00	2 75	2 75	20 00	13 30	12 00	12 00	9 60	9 60	4 56	4 56	4 20	4 20	45	54			1 50		242 70
Chappell Hill...	112 00	112 00	700 00	700 00	11 00	10 00	50 00	40 00	60 00	50 00	50 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	20 00	15 00						486 00	1445 00
Bellville.....	76 00	54 00	475 00	334 80	11 85	8 00	38 00	25 80	52 00	52 00	41 60	41 60	19 76		18 20						6 25	562 30	1090 50
Lyons.....	72 00	72 00	450 00	450 00	11 44	11 45	36 00	36 00	48 00	48 00	38 40	38 40	18 24	18 24	18 50	18 50		2 20			5 75		832 25
Milano.....	80 00	52 28	500 00	351 46	11 34	9 00	40 00	25 00	55 00	45 65	39 80	25 00	20 80	15 00	19 60	10 00					7 50		602 94
Cameron Cir.....	80 00	49 92	500 00	304 08	11 15	6 00	40 00	24 50	46 30	30 73	37 00	18 50	17 25	8 50	15 00	7 50					2 50	15 50	468 38
Maysfield.....	80 00	41 24	500 00	259 61	10 01	8 00	40 00	20 60	40 40	15 00	32 32	14 00	15 35		14 14	2 00					5 70		365 10
Pleasant Hill ...	57 40	46 55	360 00	273 23	11 55		30 40	16 81	46 20	33 00	36 96	5 00									4 75		369 29
Deanville	35 00	19 35	220 00	133 00	2 75	1 45	17 60	10 00	24 29	16 50	19 36	12 00	4 56	2 50	4 62	2 50					1 50		206 00
TOTAL.....	1553 20	1289 24	9710 00	8200 93	226 63	177 57	778 40	605 26	930 99	824 68	755 24	572 20	348 94	232 75	300 44	180 90	6 35	12 04	6 00	125 00	113 55	1572 96	14106 40

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—CALVERT DISTRICT, 1898.

NAME OF CHARGE.	L. Preach.	Members this Year	Members last Year	On Prof. of Faith	Cert. or otherwise	Removals, all Causes	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Societies in Charge	Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness on Churches	Parson's Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness on parson's	Value of Other Ch Property	C'sh Exp'd on Ch's and Par's	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep L's	Ep League Members	No. S Sch's	No. Offic's & Teach's	No. of Scholars	Am't Col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't Col-lected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Child-rens' Day	Am't Col'd for other Objects	Total Amount Raised	DEL. GEN. CONF.	AM. BIBLE SCO'Y	
																	Ins. car'd	Pre-iums paid	Col. on loss.											Paid.	Paid.	
Calvert*.....	3	295	289	7	14	15	8	3	1	1	4000	.....	1	1200	.....	70 00	3900	.....	.....	1	45	1	17	150	83 11	42 30	8 00	.....	133 41	.....	.....
Marlin.....	2	248	240	4	27	23	12	1	1	1	4500	.....	1	1600	185	200 00	3000	97 80	.....	1	1	1	18	160	99 25	30 00	.....	129 25	.....	.....
Rosebud.....	2	228	178	60	15	23	20	40	3	2	3000	.....	1	600	300	350 00	.....	.....	.....	1	26	3	35	185	26 00	.....	10 55	50	21 81	.....	.....
Kosse & Alto.....	2	274	289	1	4	20	1	4	3	2	2500	.....	1	1200	.....	172 00	.....	.....	.....	1	26	2	13	125	21 81	8 00	.....	.....	21 81	.....	.....
Personville.....	2	162	148	12	19	17	12	15	4	1	800	.....	1	400	20	20 00	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	7	56	8 00	6 35	1 35	16 00	31 70	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	2	372	320	30	35	13	12	15	4	4	3600	.....	1	1000	.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	1	75	3	35	100	55 00	1 60	10 00	.....	66 60	.....	.....
Franklin.....	2	152	146	11	5	10	4	8	1	1	1200	.....	1	600	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	1	16	1	10	95	21 50	10 00	.....	.....	31 50	.....	1 00
Mount Ver.....	2	300	410	13	4	93	4	4	4	4	2000	.....	1	500	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	1	20	3	31	120	40 00	2 50	.....	.....	42 50	.....	.....
Petteway.....	1	244	287	16	9	68	6	6	5	3	2000	.....	1	500	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	1	30	3	31	120	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....
Centerville.....	1	404	358	29	29	12	4	18	6	4	3800	1	1000	90	25 35	3	34	249	30 30	30 00	23 00
Jewett.....	2	215	212	10	13	20	1	8	4	1	600	.....	1	600	.....	64 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	17	144	23 00	.....	.....	.....	23 00	.....	.....	.....
Bremond & R.....	1	298	391	26	5	24	10	15	2	2	5000	.....	1	800	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	2	26	198	125 00	17 00	9 50	7 00	158 50	.....	3 00
Chilton & Lott.....	2	322	222	27	93	20	16	55	4	3	3000	.....	1	750	290	225 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	175	20 00	.....	4 00	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....
Durango.....	2	325	324	1	.....	.....	13	14	4	4	3550	.....	1	425	.....	40	275 00	.....	.....	.....	4	16	175	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....
Stranger & H.....	1	249	230	30	15	26	11	15	5	2	1000	.....	1	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	40	7 50	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....
Hearne & W.....	1	242	239	12	7	16	6	7	4	2	2500	.....	1	800	.....	130 25	.....	.....	.....	1	27	1	12	60	43 40	12 40	3 50	11 00	70 30	.....	1 00
Franklin.....	1	226	222	22	219	15	16	19	5	2	875	.....	1	500	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	14	56	18 75	.....	.....	.....	26 45	.....	.....	.....
Rogers Prairie.....	1	293	267	24	3	3	5	4	5	2	1200	.....	1	500	.....	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	30	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo & O.....	1	261	249	8	14	10	2	3	2	2	1800	.....	.....	.....	300	80 00	.....	.....	.....	1	30	2	20	90	35 00	12 50	6 20	.....	53 70	1 00	.....
TOTAL.....	22	5210	4799	343	530	430	138	251	68	43	46925	15	11975	565	700	2169 05	6900	97 80	12	336	40	343	2308	687 32	134 65	53 10	42 20	917 27	1 00	5 00

NAME OF CHARGE.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOP'S		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCAT'N.		G. B. E.	P & L Inst.	W's.F. M. Soc	W's.H. M. Soc	Orphan-age.	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid							
Calvert	170 50	170 50	1100 00	1100 00	24 25	24 25	88 00	88 00	134 30	134 30	97 00	97 00	50 50	50 50	29 85	29 85	3 95	5 95	27 50	62 45	31 30	329 56	2154 61
Marlin.....	155 00	155 00	1000 00	900 00	22 20	22 20	64 00	64 00	123 10	123 10	89 10	89 10	46 30	46 30	26 40	26 40	3 65	5 50	13 45	1348 70
Rosebud	93 00	70 77	600 00	477 23	8 10	8 10	31 90	31 90	44 75	20 00	32 25	10 00	16 85	10 05	627 90
Kosse & Alto.....	59 90	45 15	386 60	294 50	11 10	5 00	30 00	10 00	61 55	30 00	44 55	20 00	23 20	5 00	13 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	419 65
Personville.....	20 00	11 60	125 00	83 00	4 00	2 00	10 00	4 00	22 35	3 15	16 20	3 20	8 95	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 45	45 35	145 40
Fairfield.....	80 00	72 80	550 00	480 90	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	55 95	56 05	40 45	40 45	20 00	20 00	14 00	14 00	.....	2 00	.....	6 00	.....	742 20
Franklin.....	93 00	93 00	600 00	600 00	12 65	9 00	48 00	48 00	70 50	54 00	51 00	39 00	26 70	10 00	15 65	7 00	1 00	1 00	.....	7 65	36 00	906 75
Mount Ver.....	40 35	35 55	325 00	232 70	7 65	4 00	26 00	18 00	42 00	30 00	30 75	15 75	16 00	4 00	9 40	3 00	1 00	.....	4 65	.....	384 65	
Petteway.....	47 50	23 75	300 00	150 00	4 00	4 00	24 00	12 00	22 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	8 40	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	232 65	
Centerville.....	93 00	72 60	600 00	469 20	10 10	8 00	48 00	38 00	55 95	36 00	40 45	35 00	21 05	13 00	12 45	8 00	1 00	.....	6 15	.....	707 95	
Jewett.....	58 90	49 20	380 00	326 00	6 00	6 00	30 40	30 40	33 55	27 30	24 35	20 60	12 65	7 50	7 50	5 00	80	1 00	.....	3 65	.....	477 45
Bremond & R.....	108 00	108 00	700 00	700 00	13 00	13 00	52 00	52 00	72 75	72 25	52 45	52 45	16 20	16 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1044 80
Chilton & Lott..	77 50	49 89	500 00	322 46	6 50	.....	40 00	.....	36 40	11 40	26 30	25 00	13 65	.....	8 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 95	249 00	661 70
Durango.....	50 00	36 40	400 00	240 35	7 00	5 00	32 00	19 00	39 15	5 00	28 30	5 00	14 75	1 00	8 80	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	4 25	247 10	565 85
Stranger & H.....	44 00	21 70	281 00	140 30	5 00	2 00	22 50	8 00	27 95	10 00	20 20	8 00	10 50	2 00	6 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 90	.....	193 90
Hearne & W.....	108 50	80 30	691 50	520 00	13 50	12 50	42 00	42 00	72 75	45 00	52 50	40 00	27 50	10 00	16 00	10 00	.....	2 00	2 50	.....	13 60	778 90
Franklin.....	18 00	20 30	112 00	137 15	5 00	3 75	8 96	8 96	10 10	7 60	7 35	5 50	3 80	2 85	2 25	1 70	25	30	.....	85	.....	188 76
Rogers Prairie..	40 67	40 67	262 50	262 50	8 00	8 00	21 00	21 00	39 15	39 15	28 30	28 30	14 75	14 75	8 80	8 80	1 15	1 75	.....	10 85	253 20	426 07
Buffalo and O...	50 25	46 35	324 75	299 70	8 10	4 05	26 00	26 00	44 75	27 75	32 40	16 20	16 85	8 45	10 00	5 00	70	1 00	.....	.....	700 25	
TOTAL.....	1408 07	1203 53	9238 35	7435 99	186 15	150 85	684 76	561 26	1008 90	758 05	729 90	566 55	368 60	230 70	189 29	119 75	13 50	21 50	51 00	62 45	109 60	1533 81	12708 14

*One District Parsonage; value \$1000.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT, 1898.

NAME OF CHARGE.	L. Preach.	Members this Year	Members last Year	On Prof. of Faith	Cert. or otherwise	Removals, all Causes	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Societies in Charge	Churches	Value of Churches	Indebtedness on Churches	Parson's Value of Parsonages	Indebtedness on Parson's	Value of Other Ch Property	C'sh Exp'd on Ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep L's League Members	No. S Sch's	No. Offc's & Teach's	No. of Scholars	Am't col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't col-lected for Missions	Am't col'd on Child-rens' Day	Am't col'd for other Objects	Total Amount Raised	DEL. GEN. CONF.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y		
																	Ins. car'd	Pre-iums paid.	Col. on loss.										Paid.	Paid.		
Huntsville.....	...	335	335	1	21	21	1	.....	1	1	6000	.....	1	2500	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	1	20	200	66 82	15 00	10 00	.....	91 82	.....	16 45
Navasota.....	3	271	248	10	23	10	8	4	1	1	5000	1	1500	160	514 35	1	13	19	144	66 68	20 42	12 50	99 60		
Hockley.....	12	287	365	5	6	80	6	3	3	3	2500	1	460	20 00	1	9	85	8 00	65	8 65	3 20		
Conroe & M.....	1	244	230	9	7	1	3	5	4	4	3500	1	1200	161 21	1	50	15	168	86 05	2 55	88 60	1 30		
Prairie Plains...	1	293	246	57	10	20	5	38	4	4	2250	.....	1	600	.....	50	161 55	.....	.....	3	18	90	10 45	.....	.....	6 00	16 45	.....	.....	
Hempstead & W	12	222	154	5	89	26	14	3	3	1	1400	.....	1	800	.....	150	120 00	1750	13 25	1	35	11	75	50 00	18 60	.....	68 60	.....	2 50
Millican .....	...	367	369	4	8	14	8	.....	5	5	2200	.....	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	8	60	10 00	40 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Anderson .....	...	350	345	3	16	14	5	1	4	4	4900	.....	1	500	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	3	15	150	40 00	.....	3 00	.....	43 00	2 50	.....		
Courtney and P	1	300	287	17	18	17	8	4	6	4	4800	.....	1	850	.....	59 50	.....	.....	.....	4	26	127	25 39	.....	3 10	.....	28 49	.....	.....	
Dodge.....	12	321	303	15	10	6	8	11	5	3	1200	.....	1	300	.....	40	65 00	.....	.....	.....	16	100	29 25	.....	.....	.....	29 25	.....	.....	
Madisonville .....	...	393	405	7	4	23	7	4	4	4	1600	.....	1	150	.....	170	50 00	.....	.....	1	30	3	20	130	30 00	5 00	35 00	.....	.....	
Zion.....	4	346	336	10	10	.....	2	10	.....	.....	1300	.....	1	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	1	7	60	9 00	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....
Bryan.....	...	187	188	4	10	15	.....	4	1	1	2500	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	2000	21 00	21 00	1	23	17	120	99 55	.....	99 55	.....	.....	
Willis.....	...	208	205	7	16	20	4	3	1	1	2300	1	1000	150	92 76	1	8	60	36 98	15 97	4 65	57 00	114 95	1 00		
Cold Springs	1	277	267	12	1	3	2	3	3	2000	1	800	250 00	1	20	2	15	100	20 00	1 80	25 00	46 80		
TOTAL.....	17	4401	4283	166	244	270	81	90	48	39	43450	14	13060	720	1659 37	3750	34 25	21 00	6	171	31	224	1669	588 17	113 19	27 15	100 50	829 76	5 70	21 25

NAME OF CHARGE.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCAT'N		G. B. E.	P & L Inst.	W's F. M. S.	W's H. M. S.	Orphan-age	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	As'd	Paid							
Huntsville	225 00	225 00	1200 00	1200 00	25 00	25 00	96 00	96 00	185 00	185 00	110 00	110 00	60 00	60 00	40 00	40 00	5 50	5 00	436 82	2404 77
Navasota.....	100 00	74 40	800 00	627 35	12 50	12 50	64 00	56 00	75 00	50 00	45 00	45 00	30 00	15 00	21 50	10 00	1 60	2 65	37 00	12 50	57 60	996 60
Hockley	50 00	29 45	360 00	216 02	7 50	6 00	28 80	17 25	30 00	23 85	30 00	24 85	7 50	6 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	339 12
Conroe & M.....	60 00	55 50	600 00	527 00	10 00	10 00	48 00	37 00	60 00	32 00	40 00	20 00	25 00	12 50	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	267 05	967 35
Prairie Plains...	45 00	27 00	337 00	218 75	5 00	5 00	17 60	17 60	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 50	.....	347 85
Hempstead & W	60 00	46 50	590 00	451 25	10 00	10 00	47 20	35 00	60 00	50 00	40 00	30 00	25 00	13 50	12 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	15 50	218 50	900 25
Millican	60 00	47 80	400 00	335 00	10 00	10 00	32 00	25 00	60 00	26 00	40 00	40 00	15 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	2 50	.....	10 60	.....	507 90
Anderson	65 00	45 00	510 00	355 00	10 00	7 50	40 80	30 00	60 00	50 00	40 00	40 00	15 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	175 00	715 00
Courtney & P....	67 50	47 40	400 00	281 20	10 00	5 00	32 00	21 70	60 00	30 00	40 00	20 00	25 00	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	411 70
Dodge	40 00	23 00	337 00	203 50	5 00	2 25	16 28	13 50	20 00	12 75	25 00	15 25	5 00	1 75	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	94 25	370 70
Madisonville	60 00	43 85	525 00	385 85	8 00	6 00	42 00	30 90	60 00	15 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	516 10
Zion	30 00	14 95	250 00	135 25	2 50	1 00	20 00	6 65	25 00	9 00	25 00	9 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 85
Bryan	110 00	110 00	800 00	800 00	20 50	15 00	64 00	50 00	95 00	60 00	65 00	60 00	25 00	15 00	20 00	10 00	.....	4 00	75 00	25 00	.....	1224 00
Willis	60 00	60 00	500 00	515 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	60 00	60 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	.....	1 50	.....	5 00	202 71	970 21
Cold Springs	60 00	45 41	500 00	378 48	7 50	5 00	40 00	15 00	50 00	10 00	35 00	6 00	15 00	5 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	250 00	719 89
TOTAL.....	1092 50	896 76	8109 00	6629 65	153 50	130 25	628 68	491 60	930 00	643 60	645 00	505 10	302 50	188 75	168 50	92 00	9 60	18 65	41 00	75 00	105 00	1701 93	11577 29

RECAPITULATION, STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT—TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1898.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	L. preach.	Members this Year	Members last Year	On Prof. of Faith	Cert. or otherwise	Removals, all Causes	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	Societies in Charge	Churches	Value of Churches	Indebted-ness on Churches	Parson's Value of Parson-ages	Indebted-ness on Parson's	Value of Other Ch Property	C'sh Exp'd on Ch'ch's and Pars.	INSURANCE STATISTICS.			No. Ep L's	Ep League Members	No. S Sch's	No. Office's & Teach's	No. of Scholars	Am't col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't col-lected for Missions	Am't col'd on Child-rens' Day	Am't col'd for other Objects	Total Amount Raised	DEL. GEN. CONF.	AM. BIBLE SOC'Y	
																	Ins. car'd	Pre-ums paid.	Col. on loss.											Paid.	Paid.	
Houston.....	28	4725	4438	366	629	712	160	89	61	37	149300 00	347 45	13	12700	400	31400 00	6907 50	22600	44 00	27	1034	42	382	3111	1834 83	493 98	39 25	291 53	2658 19	32 05	25 59
Austin.....	18	4527	4413	209	372	485	90	76	43	32	72875 00	239 00	15	17225	410	1425 00	5343 35	250 1 75	150 14	440	33	330	2320	751 66	122 80	16 30	189 20	1064 96	14 50	34 40		
Brenham.....	19	4176	4377	48	269	538	99	30	55	37	62950 00	600 00	18	18550	143	4375 00	2928 65	500 36 00	.....	10	229	33	259	1847	461 66	174 57	22 83	88 25	739 61	30 60	16 35
Calvert.....	22	5210	4799	343	530	450	138	251	68	43	46925 00	.....	15	11975	565	700 00	2169 05	6960 97 80	.....	12	536	40	343	2308	667 32	134 65	53 10	32 20	87 27	1 00	5 00
Huntsville..	17	4401	4283	166	244	270	81	90	48	37	43470 00	14	13060	1440 00	1659 37	7500 34 25	21	6	171	31	224	1669	588 17	113 19	27 55	100 50	829 76	5 70	21 25
TOTAL.....	104	23039	22310	1132	2064	2435	568	526	275	186	375500 00	1186 45	75	73510	1518	39340 00	19007 92	37750	213 80	171	69	2210	179	1538	11255	4303 64	1029 50	59 03	701 68	6179 70	83 85	102 59
LAST YEAR...	119	23039	1561	1850	2336	655	729	249	187	361644 75	72	72210	77632 25	20779 69	72	2392	182	1455	11268	4078 68	897 64	173 92	774 08	5724 80	120 68
INCREASE.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	214	99	.....	.....	26	.....	13856 25	.....	3	1300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	.....	224 93	231 86	.....	.....	255 10	.....	.....
DECREASE....	15	.....	.....	429	.....	.....	87	193	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	38292 25	1771 77	.....	.....	.....	3	182	3	.....	13	.....	.....	114 89	72 40	.....	.....	18 09

NAME OF DISTRICT.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCATION		G. B. F.	P. & L.	W's F. M. Soc	W's H. M. Soc	Orphan- age	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
Houston.....	2100 00	1802 10	14653 00	12873 90	278 00	278 00	1168 60	1169 20	1360 00	1360 00	1080 00	1080 00	618 00	618 00	366 00	366 00	50 00	60 00	426 33	2244 53	144 75	2380 07	27773 05
Austin.....	1601 00	1416 63	12277 00	9908 50	229 00	151 55	955 18	735 40	1226 00	856 60	973 00	634 60	472 00	222 70	346 00	165 25	13 50	18 50	25 00	.....	103 25	1469 62	16605 03
Brenham.....	1553 20	1289 25	9710 00	8200 93	226 63	177 57	778 40	605 26	930 99	824 68	755 24	572 20	348 94	232 75	300 44	180 90	6 35	12 04	6 00	125 00	113 55	1572 96	14106 40
Calvert.....	1408 07	1203 53	9238 35	7435 99	186 15	150 85	684 76	561 26	1008 90	758 05	729 90	566 55	368 60	230 70	189 29	119 75	13 50	21 50	51 00	62 45	109 60	1533 81	12708 14
Huntsville.....	1092 50	896 76	8109 00	6629 65	153 50	130 25	628 68	491 60	930 00	643 60	505 10	.....	302 50	188 75	168 50	92 00	9 60	18 65	41 00	75 00	105 00	1701 93	11577 29
TOTAL.....	7754 77	6608 26	53987 35	45049 37	1073 28	888 22	4215 62	3562 72	5455 89	4442 93	4183 14	3358 45	2110 04	1493 90	1370 23	923 40	92 95	130 69	549 33	2506 98	576 15	8658 39	82769 91
LAST YEAR.....	7799 81	6659 56	52918 44	45599 36	1063 31	870 58	4110 00	3360 50	5432 78	4084 93	4122 37	3133 20	2065 56	1368 50	1437 48	979 79	78 40	124 90	.....	.....	662 19	27755 24	99429 29
INCREASE.....	.....	.....	1068 91	.....	9 97	17 64	105 62	202 22	23 11	358 00	60 77	225 25	44 48	125 40	.....	.....	14 55	5 69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DECREASE.....	45 04	49 70	.....	449 99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 25	43 39	7 49	.....	.....	.....	86 04	.....	16859 38

NOTE.—Houston Church was damaged to the amount of \$80, and Austin Church to the amount of \$150.

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
WOMANS' HOME MISSION SOCIETY,
—OF THE—
Texas Annual Conference--M. E. Church South.

Held in Houston, Texas, Dec. 2, 3, 1898.

First Day, Dec. 2, 1898

The Annual Conference meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Texas Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, was held in Shearn Chapel, beginning December 2nd, 1898, at 3 o'clock, p. m., Mrs. Fred. L. Allen, the president in the chair. After religious services, the roll was called and the following officers and delegates were present: Mrs. F. L. Allen, president; Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Seth Ward, Mrs. Fonda, Mrs. Fredericks, Mrs. May Stearn, Mrs. Emma Good, Mrs. S. W. Thomas, Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Mrs. Sessions, Mrs. Waltman.

The president made a brief address on the work of the Society during the year.

Mesdames. Thomas, Taylor, Good, Sessions and Fonda, were appointed to serve as a committee on nominations, and Mesdames. Campbell, Allen, Fredericks, Stearn, Waltman, and Miss Emma Stokes, on resolutions.

Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, corresponding secretary, made her annual report, and spoke of the importance of explicit reports from the corresponding secretaries of the local auxiliaries.

Mrs. C. B. Hooper, was appointed recording secretary pro tem.

Mrs. A. M. Ireland, of the West Texas Conference, was introduced and spoke concerning the Rescue Home in San Antonio, after which Mrs. Purcell, organizer of W. H. M. Societies for the North West Texas and Indian Mission Conferences, was introduced and spoke to the Conference.

Mrs. J. E. Green, representing the W. F. M. Society, was introduced, and addressed the Society.

Rev. C. J. Oxley suggested that all the preachers attending the Texas Conference, be invited to attend the Saturday meeting of the body.

Mrs. Blandin, president of the Shearn Auxiliary, made a few remarks, welcoming the visiting ladies to Houston.

After a song, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. J. Oxley, and the Society adjourned to meet Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3, p. m.

Second Day, Dec. 3, 1898.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Society met, Dec. 3rd, at 3 o'clock p. m., Mrs. F. L. Allen presiding.

Religious services were led by Rev. W. W. Horner, after which the minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. E. F. McGowan, Conference Treasurer, read her report, adding a few remarks, explaining why the report was not more complete.

Reports from various auxiliaries were heard through the delegates present or by letters.

The report of the committee on resolutions were read and adopted.

The report of the committee on nominations was read and adopted as a whole, the following officers being elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. C. J. Oxley	President.
Mrs. Seth Ward	Vice-President.
Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss	Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. C. B. Hooper	Recording Secretary.
Mrs. J. M. Cotton	Treasurer.

The committee suggested the following ladies to be District Secretaries:

Houston District	Mrs. B. Blandin
Austin District	
Brenham District	
Calvert District	Miss E. Stokes.
Huntsville District	Miss Annie Loring.

Mrs. Johnson, representing the Dallas Rescue Home, made an earnest plea for her work.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the ladies of Houston for their cordial hospitality; to Mrs. McGowan, who has served for four years as treasurer of this Society, and to Mrs. Fred L. Allen, who has served as president ever since the work was taken up by the Texas Conference.

(Signed)

MRS. J. D. CAMPBELL,

MRS. S. W. THOMAS.

The meeting adjourned sine die, with prayer by Rev. W. W. Horner.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, is growing in importance and influence; and

WHEREAS, It is desired that we make suitable expression of opinion on some of the matters coming before us; therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the official organ of our society, "Our Homes," and recommend the appointment of a conference agent, who shall appoint local agents, who, in turn, shall receive subscriptions for the paper and report same to conference agent.

That we indorse the Rescue work, and pledge our support and hearty co-operation to the Rescue Home at San Antonio.

Realizing that the success of our Woman's Home Mission Society depends largely on the encouragement and co-operation of our pastors, we resolve that we urge every pastor to unite with us in organizing the women of the church into auxiliaries of the Home Mission Society; that they help us to break down that great prejudice against converting the Aid Societies into Home Mission Societies, knowing as we do that this will not interfere with their Home work, but only intensify it and enlarge their opportunities.

Realizing the need of a fund for conference expenses; be it

Resolved, That we recommend an assessment of ten cents per member per year, to be thus expended.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. CAMPBELL

MRS. GUS. FREDERICKS,

MRS. MAY STERNS,

MRS. F. J. WALTMAN,

Committee.

Report of Corresponding Secretary for Year Ending November 30, 1898.

The Woman's Home Mission Society is increasing in strength and influence and has become an important adjunct to the work of our beloved church. With joy we see its growth in our own Conference, and that we may make even greater progress in the year opening before us, we earnestly urge every pastor in the Conference to join with us in our effort to put this work before the women of our church, feeling assured that it will broaden their sympathies, enrich them spiritually, and open doors of greater usefulness to them. Nine auxiliaries have been organized during the year, with a membership of one hundred and eight.

The following donations were made to aid in parsonage building: Deanville, \$50; West End, Galveston, \$75; Madisonville, \$87. Total, \$212.

Local Societies have helped parsonages to the amount of \$284.51 Spent in local church and Mission work, \$589 74. Total amount of money raised and expended during the year, \$1,234.37.

Total number of women and girls who are members of the Church	1227
Total number of adult auxiliaries	24
Total number of adult members	408
Total number of young people and juvenile auxiliaries	1
Total number of young people and juvenile members	35
Total number of members in the conference	443
Total number added during year	170
Total number lost during year	14
Number of meetings held during year	214
Average attendance during year	145
Total number on Baby Roll	13
Number of members on Baby Roll added during year	8
Number of subscribers to "Our Homes."	106
Number of subscribers added during year	41
Number of adult mite boxes in use	19
Number of baby mite boxes in use	4
Number pledged to proportionate and systematic giving	28
Number of papers and leaflets distributed	2354
Number of annual reports distributed	48
Number of auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	6
Number of District Secretaries reporting quarterly	1
Number of annual district meetings held	1
Number of district parsonages	1

Number of visits made to sick and strangers	426
Number of visits made to corrective or benevolent institutions	17
Number of cottage prayer meetings or Bible readings held	12
Number of garments in good order distributed	142
Number of needy relieved	26

REMARKS.

A great deal of local work done by our auxiliaries. is not reported and no record kept. A much better showing would be made if the Societies would keep accurate records of the work done by its committees and individual members.

MRS. O. T. HOTCHKISS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Houston, Dec. 1, 1898.

Report of Conference Treasurer of Texas Conference, for the Year Ending Dec. 1, 1898.

Amount remitted of adult membership

	During Year	Increase	Decrease
dues	\$321 55	\$98 57	
Amount remitted from Week of Prayer	27 70		
Amount remitted from adult mite boxes	10 87	4 97	
Amount of contingent fund	1 35		8 80
Total value of parsonages reported.	350 00		
Amount expended on station parsonages during year	264 65	20 83	
Amount expended on district parsonages during year	19 86		8 29
Total amt. reported on local Church work, such as furnishing Church, etc.	411 16		10 86
Total amount of money expended on local mission work	178 58	98 38	
Value of supplies given locally	57 70	50 10	
Total amount raised and expended for relief of needy	5 00		

REMARKS.

Disbursements for December, 1897, and January and February, 1898, were \$19.86.

MRS. E. F. MCGOWEN,
Treasurer.

Houston, Dec. 2, 1898.

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